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SHANGHAI.

REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER, 1878,

AND

BUDGET

FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31st DECEMBER, 1879.

SHANGHAI:

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MUNICIPAL REPORT.

THE Council beg to submit to the Ratepayers their Report for the Municipal year ending 31st December, 1878.

On entering into office upon 18th March last, your Council, accompanied by the Members of the retiring Council, proceeded to the Court Yard of the Central Station where the Police force was paraded for inspection. The Members expressed their satisfaction at the smart appearance of the men, and the Chairman, Mr. HART, complimented Mr. PENFOLD and the Inspectors upon the general good conduct and efficiency displayed by the Force during the year.

The Cells and Police Barracks were then inspected, and everything found clean and in good order; finally the Armoury was visited and the Stock of Arms of all kinds examined and found to be in serviceable order, and fit for immediate use.

Upon returning to the Board Room, Mr. HART remarked that, as most of the old members had been re-elected, it was unnecessary for him to say anything about outstanding Municipal matters, and Mr. COWIE, on behalf of the retiring Council, offered a cordial vote of thanks to Mr. HART for acting as their Chairman during the past year. Mr. HART thanked his colleagues for the compliment paid to him, and the members of the retiring Council having withdrawn, the meeting proceeded to business and elected as office bearers:—

Chairman—Mr. J. HART.

Vice-Chairman—Mr. E. H. LAVERS.

Defence Committee—Messrs. J. HART, R. H. ARTINDALE, and E. G. LOW.

Finance Committee—Messrs. G. J. W. COWIE, P. G. HÜBBE, and E. H. LAVERS.

Watch Committee—Messrs. J. HART, R. H. ARTINDALE, and J. H. WISNER.

Works Committee—Messrs. E. G. LOW, R. MACKENZIE, and G. WITHERS.

No. 2 Company—Remains without change, the officers still retaining their appointments.

Artillery.—Capt. Dallas stated at the Meeting on 8th November, that this Corps had always been maintained in a state of efficiency, and had nearly its full strength on the list.

Shanghai Mounted Rangers—May be said to have virtually ceased to exist, for although nominally there are some 18 members still on the roll, not more than half that number turn out for parade.

Uniform.—The Sub-Committee appointed by the No. 1 S.V.C. and Mii-ho-loong rifles addressed the following letter to the Council, and submitted a pattern of the uniform selected, for their approval. No. 2 Company having agreed to adopt the same Uniform, the Council replied that they also approved of it.

Shanghai, 21st December, 1878.

JAMES HART, Esq.,

Chairman, Municipal Council.

Sir,—We have the honour to advise you that at a meeting of the Special Committee appointed to arrange for the amalgamation of No. 1 Company S.V.C. and the "Mii-ho-loong" Rifles, and to decide upon the Uniform to be adopted by the combined Company, we, the undersigned, were appointed as a Sub-Committee to ascertain the cost of the proposed new Uniform, and to submit a pattern of the same, with estimate of cost, for your approval.

We now beg to hand you a pattern of the Uniform, which the combined Company have unanimously decided to adopt, should it receive your sanction. The Uniform sent is that in use by H.M. Marine Light Infantry, and will require some slight modifications to suit the No. 1 Company S.V.C., who propose to have white cord shoulder-strap in lieu of that now on the Uniform, and of course to substitute S.V.C. buttons for those of the Marine Light Infantry; the cloth and make of the Uniform to be similar to the pattern sent; trousers to be of black cloth, with narrow red seam.

We also beg to hand you a sample of the Helmet which it is proposed to adopt, the mountings to be especially designed for the S.V.C., and to be made of brass for Serjeants and Privates, and silver for officers; white covers to be provided for use in summer.

The accoutrements to be of black leather, and a service pouch to be worn on the belt in lieu of the shoulder-belt and cartouche-box now in use.

Messrs. Sayle & Co. have provided us with the muster now sent for your inspection, and are prepared to supply the Uniform and Helmet (without Accoutrements) to all Serjeants and Privates of the S.V.C. at a cost of \$15, as per enclosed tender. We consider this a reasonable price, and beg to recommend this tender for the acceptance of the Council, should they decide to sanction the proposed uniform. We would suggest that it be made optional whether the Volunteers pay for their own Uniforms or whether the Council provide them. Those who pay for their own Uniforms would hold them as their own property, while those who have them provided by the Council would give them up, unless they had completed a fixed term of service. This, we believe, would remove any difficulty in the way of No. 2 Company adopting the same Uniform, and allow of the whole Corps being clothed alike.

We are, Sir,

Your obedient Servants,

E. W. RICE.

ALEX. SIM.

F. A. GROOM.

Band.—Since the arrival of the new Band from Manila, it has been intimated to the paid members of the Volunteer band, that as their services will no longer be required, the Council will discontinue its monthly payments to them.

Arms and Accoutrements.—Are in good order. The stock consists of 500 stand of Martini Henry Rifles, etc.

Ammunition.—Complaints have been made about the inferior quality of some of the cartridges recently received from England, the powder being deficient in strength, and the cases rather badly made, but the others received through the London Agents have given satisfaction. In future care will be taken that only the best descriptions are sent out.

Rifle Competitions.—The usual Spring Meeting was not held; annexed is the report of the Autumn Meeting by the Acting Musketry Instructor:—

SHANGHAI, 6th January, 1879.

J. HART, Esq.

Chairman Municipal Council.

SIR,—I have the honor to submit the following Report upon the Autumn Competition of the Shanghai Volunteer Corps.

The Meeting having been unavoidably postponed until the 9th December, the cold and unfavorable state of the weather at that late season of the year caused no doubt lower scores than otherwise would have been made, but still the Council will be glad to see from the enclosed list of the principal scores, that taking into consideration the continuous bad weather which was experienced during the competition, the points made will compare favorably with previous Meetings.

I also beg to call your attention to the fact that the ammunition was found to be during the meeting very defective.

Enclosing a list of the principal scores.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

JOSEPH J. TUCKER,

Acting Instructor of Musketry.

AUTUMN PRIZE MEETING S.V.C.

SCORES OF PRIZE-WINNERS.

OFFICERS' CUP—200 and 500 yards:—

No. 2 Company, Sergt. TUCKER,	50 points.
" " " Priv. Johnston,	49 "

MUNICIPAL CHALLENGE CUP—500 and 600 yards:—

No. 2 Company, Sergt. TUCKER,	49 points.
" " " Priv. Bowdian,	46 "

LADIES' PURSE—600 and 800 yards:—

No. 2 Company, Sergt. TUCKER,	40 points.
" " " Priv. Johnston,	38 "

GOLD CROSS OF THE MEETING.—Highest total scores in Competition Nos. 1 to 3, and individual firing in Competition No. 4—200, 500 and 600 yards:—

No. 2 Company, Sergt. TUCKER,	207 points.
" " " Priv. Johnston,	203 "

JOSEPH J. TUCKER,
Acting Instructor of Musketry.

Appointments—Acting Instructor of Musketry.—Sergeant Tucker, vice Captain Sim, resigned.

Resignations.—The Council have to regret the resignation of the following officers :—

Major Hart, Commanding Officer S.V.C.

Mih-Ho-Loong Co.—Captain Rice.

Lieutenant Groom.

Sub-Lieutenant Manson.

No. 1 Company.—Captain Sim.

Instructor of Musketry.—Captain Sim.

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FINANCE MATTERS.

APPROPRIATIONS.

The following appropriations have been made during the year, which were not provided for in the Budget :—

Roads.—Land for widening and improving	Tls. 9,140.83
Public Garden.—New Green House	302.18
Fire Department—Extra Appropriation	850.00
Drain Pipes	2,691.49
Shed—For storing road implements	100.00
Enlarging powder magazine	200.17
	<u>Tls. 13,284.67</u>

LOAN OF 1873.

One hundred Debentures amounting to Tls. 10,000, were paid off on 1st July, the numbers being drawn by ballot.

LOAN OF 1878.

Under authority of Resolution IX. passed at Ratepayers' Meeting of 6th March, 1877.—Debentures have been issued to the amount of Tls. 24,000 to cover cost of land and buildings for the new Hongkew Police Station. Tenders were invited and the following allotment made, being at an average rate of $9\frac{2}{10}\%$ per cent. premium :—

Tls. 4,000.....	at 14	per cent. premium.
" 2,300.....	at $10\frac{1}{2}$	" "
" 9,000.....	at 10	" "
" 1,000.....	at $8\frac{1}{2}$	" "
" 3,500.....	at 8	" "
" 3,000.....	at $7\frac{1}{2}$	" "
" 1,200.....	at 7	" "
<u>Tls. 24,000</u>		

ASSESSMENTS.

Schedules of houses and land assessed during the year are appended.

*Houses upon which Assessments have been reduced during the year 1878,
under Resolution passed at Ratepayers' Meeting, 6th March, 1877.*

Name of Road.	Name of Occupant.	Assessment.	Reduced to	Remarks.
1 Yangtze	T. F. Hughes ..	2,800	2,400	
17A Szechuen	G. E. Wellesley ..			
22 do.	Iberty & Co.	700	600	
33 do.	Evans & Co.	480	300	
8 Kiangse	J. Simpson	1,000	750	
9 do.	A. Baconnier ...	300	240	
23 do.	Dr. Little	1,500	1,000	
41 do.	E. Morel	600	500	
7 Honan	J. F. d'Aquino ..	300	210	
8 do.	J. Hirsbrunner ..	480	420	
2A Foochow	W. Birt & Co. ..	1,550	1,100	
3 do.	Geo. Smith & Co.	500	320	
9 & 10 do.	Z. Barton	1,000	780	
10 Kiukiang	J. Rosenbaum ..			
17A Nanking	C. Smidt	900	720	
1 Ningpo	Cunningham and Gammon	400	300	
5 do.	Mrs. Green	480	360	
4A Peking	J. J. Buchheister	900	720	
17 Yuen-Ming-Yuen	C. Kreyer	450	420	
2 Upper Yuen-Ming-Yuen	Carlowitz & Co...	800	600	
3 do.	Mrs. Brown	300	260	
4 do.	W. S. Percival ..	300	270	
5 do.	W. V. Drummond	300	270	
6 do.	J. F. Pearson ..	300	270	
8 Whangpoo	A. Law	300	270	
9 do.	J. F. Taylor	480	300	
42 Broadway	W. Allanson	400	310	
48 do.	W. H. Carr	480	360	
6 Seward	M. F. Patterson ..	540	360	
1 Ming-Hong	J. P. Marques ..	350	300	
5 do.	J. Vaughan	400	300	
3 Boone	Evans & Co.	2,000	1,500	
6 do.	S. J. Rangel	150	135	
	J. F. d'Aquino ..	150	135	

Houses Assessed during the Year 1878.

Name of Road.	Name of Occupant.	Assessment.	Remarks.
8A Szechuen	E. Gipperich	550	
83A Kiangse	S. B. de Remedios	240	
33B do.	F. S. Oliveira ..	240	
5 Canton	T. Wooyeda	700	
7 do.	N. Butt	300	
1 Foochow	Geo. Barnet & Co.	1,300	
12 do.	Edbrook & Co. . .	900	
25 do.	Rev. Canon McClatchie ..	600	
26 do.	Miss Brown	480	
27 do.	Miss Kleins.....	300	
20 to 24 Peking		90	Each.
25 to 26 do.		80	do.
1 to 8 Quangse		90	do.
9 do.		150	
10 to 14 do.		120	Each.
15 to 16 do.		150	do.
17 to 21 do.		190	do.
22 do.		180	
15A N. Soochow		180	

Lots of Land Assessed during the Year 1878.

No of Lot.	No. of Deed.	Area.	Registered Owner.	Where Reg'd.	Boundaries.	Assessed per mow.
1160	1153	3 5 0 0	W. H. Carter.	"	N. (Land of British) Merchants S. Half Creek E. do.	75
1161	1154	3 2 7 5	W. H. Carter.	"	W. Chen's land N. Tay's land S. Soochow Creek E. Foreign owned land	150
1163	1156	0 5 0 0	T.W. Kingsmill.	"	W. Half a creek N. American Citizens land S. British Merchants land E. Coo's land	300
1167	1160	0 4 3 2	D.M. Henderson	"	W. A Street N. Lok's land S. Thorn's land E. Chung Ha chow's do.	200
1173	1166	1 7 5 3	T.W. Kingsmill.	"	W. Yeunam's do. N. Lots 768, 359 S. do. 151 & 1214 E. do. 349.	300
1175	1168	1 0 0 0	T. Pemberton.	"	W. do. 1087. N. Alley way S. do. E. Lot 998 W. Alley way	300
	342	3 4 7 1	A.M. d'Oliveira.	UStates	N. Song Grave S. Small Road E. Middle of Creek W. Small Road	350

Average Number of Houses in the Settlement and Assessed Rentals.

FOREIGN HOUSES.

Foreign Settlements...	360.....	Rental Tls. 419,000 at 6 p.c.	Tls. 25,140.00
Hongkew Settlements	203.....	„ 87,000 „	5,220.00
	<u>563</u>	<u>506,000</u>	<u>Tls. 30,360.00</u>
Occupied by Foreigners	472		
„ Natives	32		
Empty	59		
	<u>563</u>		
Taxes Collected			<u>Tls. 26,350.00</u>

NATIVE HOUSES.

Foreign Settlement.....	10,463...	Rental \$796,000 at 8 p.c.	\$ 63,680.00
Hongkew Settlement	5,142... „	201,000 „	16,080.00
	<u>15,605</u>	<u>\$997,000</u>	<u>\$79,760.00</u>
Occupied by Foreigners...	859		
„ Natives	13,640		
Empty	1,606		
	<u>15,605</u>		
Taxes Collected	Tls. 50,850.....		<u>\$69,700.00</u>

LOCAL POST OFFICE.

The subjoined statement shows the work of the office during the past year as compared with 1877 :—

*Correspondence passed through the Local Post Office during the year 1878,
compared with the previous year.*

Year.	To and from the Ports.									Posted in Shanghai for Town Delivery.				
	Mails.		Total.	Letters.		Newspapers.		Parcels.		Total.	Letters, Papers, Circulars, Post Cards &c., posted at the Office.	Letters, Papers, Circulars, Post cards &c., posted at the Letter Pillars.	Total.	Expresses.
	Despatched.	Received.		Despatched.	Received.	Despatched.	Received.	Despatched.	Received.					
1878	3,440	1,877	5,317	70,871	76,261	63,411	8,250	10,423	1,600	210,212	210,166	12,328	252,794	1,587
1877	3,561	1,749	5,310	71,041	75,498	63,320	6,610	10,351	1,513	213,239	241,887	8,127	250,014	1,688

Stamps.—It will be necessary to get another supply from England during 1879.

Stock on hand on the 1st January, 1879:—

Stamps @	20	cash	7,192
" "	40	"	16,010
" "	60	"	3,023
" "	80	"	2,900
" "	100	"	2,936
Cards "	20	"	4,622

The 20 cash stamps will be exhausted before the new supply can arrive, and those of other denominations will have to be re-stamped 20 cash, and used as such.

Subscribers.—On the 1st January, 1879, there were on the list, 86 subscribers to L. P. O. against 78 at same time last year.

Mails to the Northern Ports.—Under date April 23rd, 1878, Mr. Holcombe of the United States Legation Peking, intimated to the Council that he could no longer undertake to receive and distribute the mails from this to Peking, unless arrangements were made for additional Couriers between that city and Tientsin; and about the same time the Commissioner of Customs here requested the Local Post Master to send him all mails addressed to the Inspectorate General of Customs at Peking, to be forwarded through the Customs Postal Department.

Under these circumstances it was considered advisable to make a temporary arrangement with the Commissioner of Customs at Tientsin who undertook to receive and distribute all the mails for the Northern ports, and subjoined is the correspondence on the subject.

The arrangement having been found to work satisfactorily, during a period of six months, it has been continued, and is still in force.

During the winter months, while the navigation is interrupted, the Local Post Office cannot make up Mails for the Northern Ports, except to Chefoo when an opportunity offers by an occasional steamer.

LEGATION OF THE UNITED STATES.

PEKING, April 23rd, 1878.

B. F. THORBURN, Esq.,

Secretary, &c., &c.

MY DEAR SIR:—In October last an arrangement was made with the Municipal Council in Peking whereby a mail was despatched by each steamer from the Local Post Office in Shanghai to this mail house, and concerning all matters for foreign residents in Peking and vicinity, and under which I was to forward a bag by each steamer to leave this city.

This arrangement is, in many respects, a most convenient one, and a means of safety for correspondence between this point and Shanghai, and for this reason I should be very glad to have it continued. I regret to say however that there seems to be great difficulty in securing the transportation of the bags from Tientsin to their destination here. The only route between this and Tientsin is performed exclusively by runner from the Customs and the Customs, and of these only the British Legation, the Customs and the United States Legation have regular weekly service of that

sort. And of these three, I am thus far able to rely only upon our own courier to bring up the Local Post bags. As he leaves Tientsin on Fridays, you will at once see that mail, leaving Shanghai on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays, must be subjected to several days' delay, before they can be forwarded. Mail hence to Shanghai meet with no delay, as the other Legations and the Customs take the Local Post bags ready. It is only from Tientsin hither that there is any trouble. While I believe that an additional weekly courier between the two points, to leave Tientsin on Tuesdays would put an end to all complaints of delay in the transmission of mails, and while the expense of such a service would not be large, say \$150, for the navigation season, still this Legation is not able to incur that additional expense.

I am forced, therefore, *greatly to my regret*, to say that, unless it is within the power of the Municipal Council to take some steps by which the mails can be secured a prompt transmission from Tientsin it will be best to discontinue sending the Peking mails, as directed to me. If, on the other hand, anything can be done to remedy the difficulties mentioned, I shall be most happy to have the service continued, and the Municipal Council may rely, with entire confidence upon all necessary action being taken by our Consul at Tientsin and by myself, to render the mail service prompt and reliable.

Praying your early attention to this business,

I am Sir,

Your obedient servant,

CHESTER HOLCOMBE.

SHANGHAI, 28th May, 1878.

CHESTER HOLCOMBE, Esq.

Legation of United States,

Pekin,

DEAR SIR,—I have to acknowledge receipt of your favor of 23rd April informing me that considerable delay sometimes took place in transmitting the mails for Peking, as you had to depend entirely upon the man employed by the U. S. Legation, who leaves Tientsin on Fridays, and that you, therefore, advised the Council to discontinue sending the letters for Peking in a sealed bag to you, unless they could make arrangements for an additional Courier to leave Tientsin on Tuesdays.

In reply I am directed by the Council to thank you very much for having undertaken the charge of distributing the Peking mails for the last year, and to inform you that a new arrangement has been made to commence on 1st June, which will relieve you from all further trouble in the matter.

After the 1st of next month the mails for the North will be despatched from this, in a closed bag, addressed to the Commissioner of Customs at Tientsin, who has undertaken to attend to the transmission of all correspondence for Peking, Newchwang, &c., and to despatch a daily courier from Tientsin to Peking.

I am, dear Sir,

Yours faithfully,

R. F. THORBURN.

Secretary.

J. McMILLAN, Esq.

Local Postmaster,

Shanghai.

CUSTOM HOUSE.

Shanghai, 24th April, 1878.

SIR,—In accordance with instructions from the Inspector General, I beg to request that for the future you will be good enough to send all Letters, &c., addressed to the Inspector-General of Customs, Peking, to the Postal Department of this office for transmission.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

F. E. WRIGHT,

Commissioner of Customs, Officiating.

LOCAL POST OFFICE.

Shanghai, 25th April, 1878.

F. E. WRIGHT, Esq.,

Commissioner of Customs, officiating,
Shanghai.

Sir,—I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated 24th April, 1878, in which you request that for the future the letters, &c., addressed to the Inspector-General of Customs, Peking, be handed to the Customs Postal Department, Shanghai, for transmission.

It now lies to say that I will have pleasure in complying with your request, and will make arrangements for carrying same into effect, from this date.

In connection with the above, I am instructed to make the following suggestion for the consideration of the Commissioner of Customs at Tientsin.

With a view to greater security, &c., of the Local Mail to Tientsin, the Local Post Office, Shanghai, is prepared to send its mails for Tientsin addressed to the care of the Commissioner of Customs there, if he will instruct, on their arrival, to receive and distribute them; of course it is to be understood that the postage on the contents of the mail bag, be considered as already paid.

The question of making up the return mails may be considered hereafter.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

J. McMILLAN,

Local Postmaster.

CUSTOM HOUSE.

Tientsin, 15th May, 1878.

J. McMILLAN, Esq.

Local Postmaster,

Shanghai.

Sir,—I have received from the Commissioner of Customs at Shanghai a despatch relating to a despatch addressed by you to him, under date of the 15th April, in which you propose that mails from Shanghai be sent to the Northern Ports.

In reply I have to state that I am prepared to accede to your proposal, on the following basis:

1st. The arrangements have a temporary character, until tried sufficiently; and to end at Chefoo, Newchwang, Tientsin and Peking.

2nd. The Customs Postal Departments at the three Northern Ports, viz.:—Chefoo, Newchwang and Tientsin, and at Peking, to levy, collect, and return postage on all mail matters supplied from the local mail stores for Shanghai, as arranged by the Local Post Office, in accordance with the enclosed table of the rates of postage.

3rd. The Local Post Office, Shanghai, to collect and return the postage on mail matter sent by it through the Customs to the said Northern Ports and Peking.

I shall feel obliged by an early reply.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

DETTRING,

Commissioner.

CENTRAL POST OFFICE,

CUSTOM HOUSE,

Tientsin, 6th Dec., 1878.

J. McMILLAN, Esq.,

Local Post Office,

Shanghai.

Sir,—Having reference to my despatches of the 15th May and 1st June last, I beg to inform you that during the interruption of navigation between Shanghai and the Northern Ports, the Customs Postal Department at Newchwang, Peking, Tientsin and

Chefoo will continue to distribute, as heretofore, the Mails collected and forwarded by land carriers of your office, and that, on the other hand, I expect that your Office will continue the distribution of Mail matter collected by the aforesaid departments for Shanghai.

All mail matter to be forwarded by Customs' overland couriers must be posted and pay postage at the Postal Department, Custom House, Shanghai.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

DETRING,

Commissioner.

(For postal matters).

DUES ON MERCHANDIZE.

The amount of Revenue derived from this source shows a very large deficiency compared with that of last year, and is fully Tls. 3,000 under the Budget estimate. From imports the amount received is less than was anticipated, which no doubt may be, in a great measure, attributed to the general depression of trade, and the consequent reduction in quantity, and value, of nearly all the staple articles usually imported.

The quantity of goods imported on native account is, perhaps, rather increasing, but as they are covered by the Taou-Tai's commutation there is no gain to the Revenue from this source.

Receipts from Opium dues are much the same as last year.

Dues on exports are less than the estimate, the principal falling off being on Tea, the bulk of the Black Tea crop having been shipped direct from the River Ports, whilst the total supply of Green has been much under the usual quantity.

Silk has produced about the same amount as last year, for although the total export is larger, French horses have been the principal operators, and only a small portion of their shipments is liable to dues.

L. Gouilloud's Case.—The following decision was given by the Acting French Consul-General, in the case of M. Gouilloud, who refused to pay dues, on the ground that although resident in this settlement his business premises are situated in the French Concession. The Council submitted the judgment to the Board of Consuls in order to obtain an expression of opinion from them upon the merits of the case, and received the following reply:—

TRIBUNAL CONSULAIRE.

Audience du 14 Septembre 1878, continuée le 17 courant.

REPUBLIQUE FRANÇAISE

AFFAIRE DU MUNICIPAL COUNCIL

VS.

LOUIS GOUILLOUD.

Jugement définitif.

Au nom du peuple Français,

Le Tribunal Consulaire de France à Shanghai, siégeant en matière civile, conformément à la loi du 8 Juillet 1852, a rendu le jugement suivant : —

Entre le Municipal Council, représenté par Mr. Charles Dowdall, Solicitor, mandataire du Conseil d'Administration Municipale de la Concession Française, aux termes d'une procuration dûment en forme et déposée à la Chancellerie du Consulat Général, demandeur, — d'une part ;

Et Louis Gouilloud, Négociant, demeurant à Shanghai, comparant en personne, défendeur, — d'autre part.

POINT DE FAIT.

Le Municipal Council du Foreign Settlement, au nom duquel Dowdall se présente à l'instance, demande que Gouilloud, qui habite une maison "the Laurels" située dans les limites du Foreign Settlement, soit contraint à payer une somme de Tls. 187.50 représentant le montant de taxes commerciales dites "Wharfage dues" allouées à des marchandises qu'il a expédiées du 15 Mai au 27 Juillet de la présente année, taxes établies en vertu des dispositions du paragraphe 3 de l'article 9 des Land Regulations, applicables au dit foreign settlement.

Dowdall dit que le Municipal Council peut n'avoir en connaissance des expéditions de marchandises, cause de la demande que par relevé, fait par ses soins, sur les livres de la Douane Chinoise, et qu'il ne recherche pas si les marchandises ont déjourné, ou même simplement passé en transport dans les limites du Foreign Settlement, mais il soutient que Gouilloud, par le seul fait qu'il habite une maison sise sur le territoire connu sous cette dénomination, doit payer les taxes commerciales; il demande que le tribunal l'y déclare tenu, l'y contraigne au besoin et mette à sa charge les frais de l'instance.

Gouilloud reconnaît avoir un logement dans la maison "the Laurels" située sur le Foreign Settlement, mais sa maison de commerce, ses bureaux, ses magasins sont situés sur cette partie des Etablissements Français de Shanghai, qui est connue sous la dénomination de Concession Française, territoire distinct de celui du Foreign Settlement, qui a d'ailleurs une organisation et des règlements Municipaux particuliers.

Logé sur le Foreign Settlement, il acquitte exactement, dit-il, les taxes municipales dont il est redevable comme locataire d'une maison de ce quartier, mais il se croit autorisé à refuser le paiement de celles qui lui sont réclamées pour des expéditions de commerce faites entièrement sur un autre territoire.

La ciété, ajoute-t-il, si les "Wharfage dues" qui se prelevaient jadis sur la Concession Française, ou est établie sa maison de commerce, n'avaient pas été abolies, ou étaient de nouveau institués, il serait, si la demande du Municipal Council était admise, exposé à payer deux fois ces taxes pour le même opération, ce qui lui paraît inadmissible.

* POINT DE DROIT.

La question à juger est celle-ci : —

Aux termes des dispositions de l'article 9 des Land regulations Dowdall est-il fondé dans la demande qu'il présente au nom du Municipal Council ?

DISPOSITIF.

Le Tribunal, jugeant en dernier ressort, et après en avoir délivré conformément à la loi.

Article 9 des Limitations est ainsi conçu:—

"There shall be no other taxes or duties in the form of dues on goods passed through the Chinese Custom House by any person or persons resident within the said limits."

Attribuer des taxes à une personne ou personnes résident dans le said limit, ou payer des taxes pour qu'ils des personnes résident dans le Foreign Settlement, à l'occasion des opérations de commerce, puisque l'expression "persons resident within the said limits" ne s'applique qu'aux personnes résidentes, c'est-à-dire une société faisant des opérations de commerce.

Attribuer des taxes à une maison sise sur le Foreign Settlement, il n'y a pas d'opérations commerciales, puisqu'il est notoire que c'est que la Commission Française qui a ses bureaux, ses magasins est dès lors sa maison de commerce.

Déclaré le Municipal Council représenté par Dowdall, mal fondé dans sa demande d'indemnité et met à sa charge le frais de la présente instance, lequel sera commun à Cent Francs, y compris le cout de la délivrance et de la signification du présent jugement.

Ain i Jugé et prononcé le dix septième mil huit cent soixante dix huit, à l'Audience publique du Tribunal Consulaire en jugement, comme à celle du Tribunal, M. M. G. Lemaire, Conseiller tenant le Consulat Général de France à Shanghai, Chevalier de la Légion d'Honneur etc., etc., Président; James Bondard, Premier Commissaire de l'Agence de la Compagnie des Messageries Maritimes à Shanghai; Jules Rastan, Négociant, Assesseurs, lesquels ont signé le présent jugement avec Mr. J. de Bielke, Chancelier substitué du Consulat Général, faisant fonctions de Greffier.

Le Consul tenant le Consulat Général, Président.

L.S. Signé

G. LEMAIRE.

Les Assesseurs Signé: JAMES BONABEAU

do.

J. ROUSTAN

Le Chancelier Substitué

Signé: J. DE BIELKE.

Pour copie conforme

Le Chancelier Substitué

J. DE BIELKE.

Va pour l'égalisation de la signature ci-dessus approuvée de Mr. J. de Bielke, Chancelier Substitué du Consulat Général.

Le Consul, Gérant le Consulat Général,

G. LEMAIRE.

C. LUEDER, Esq.,

SHANGHAI, 7th October, 1878.

His German Majesty's Consul-General,

Senior Consul, Shanghai.

SIR, I have the honor to send you herewith the Judgment delivered by the Acting Consul-General for France upon a case, the facts before him, in which the Municipal Council sent Mr. Goussard, a French citizen resident in this Settlement, for dues on silk passed through the Chinese Custom House, but shipped from his warehouse premises at the French Consulate.

At the same time I have to report that we will be glad enough to submit the dossier to the Municipal Council, and obtain from them, if possible, an expression of opinion upon the merits of the case.

From the document now sent you, you will learn that there was no dispute as to facts, and that the point which the French Court was called upon to decide was whether or not the said goods were liable for duties, and whether they applied to the provisions of the Settlement Ordinance, or to the provisions attached in the French Consulate. The Acting Consul-General for France is of opinion that it was not so intended, while the Municipal Council think it was, and they have their

of the settlement, and of the Agents which seem to the very face of common interpretation, that they have not the authority of the Consul-General, who is responsible to the Treaty, dated 20th August, 1875, say "that, for as persons residing in the Settlements without the limits of the French and American Settlements pay Wharfage Dues," &c., &c., thus clearly showing, both according to their reading of the Article, and to the Settlement in which they are to pay dues.

As you are doubt aware, previous to 1876 the regulation passed by the Ratsapages at the German meeting, authorizing the collection of dues was rather indistinctly worded, and advantage was taken of this by several residents in this Settlement, who employed agents living in the French Concession to pass their goods through the Customs House, and thus avoid the payment of dues. The same was not done at the Ratsapages' Meeting in January 1876, when the validity of the regulation was referred to, and it was agreed with the French Agents, who have been satisfied, when every person and agent on all persons residing in the Settlement. The then Chairman of the Council said: "A moment ago we considered the goods given to the French Consulate to be on a certain certain goods belonging to certain persons or situated within certain limits. If people are living within the limits we can prevent the dues." Nothing was said about places of business, and it does not seem to have occurred to anyone that any such question would ever be raised.

Mr. Chairman remarks that it does not seem to be in the French Concession, he would have reported on it, with which was necessary and to the hand the regulation, but the answer to this is simply that he is not supposed to live in the Settlement, and that if he does not wish to pay dues like other residents he ought to leave it, and live either outside, or in the French Concession.

If the meaning of the article by the French Court is correct, then not only will Mr. Gorchoul have an advantage over other residents in this Settlement, but we shall presently have a recurrence of the not very enlightening proceedings of former years, to which I have just alluded, when mercantile firms in this Settlement employed agents to pass their goods through the Customs House in order to evade payment of dues.

Dues on goods being a voluntary tax imposed by the Ratsapages upon themselves, the collection of which is entrusted to the Council, the latter consider it their duty to see that all residents in the Settlements pay their proper proportion. Under these circumstances, they felt that they had no option but to see Mr. Gorchoul in the French Consular Court for the dues on his goods passed by him through the Customs House, and it would be most satisfactory to them to learn that the French Consuls personally consider that the Council were right in the course which they pursued.

I have the honor to be, Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

J. HART,

Chairman.

SHANGHAI, 8th November, 1878.

J. HART Esq.,

Chairman, Municipal Council.

SIR: Your letter dated the 7th October, 1878, and regarding a Judgment given by the French Consular Court in a Municipal Council case, has been laid before the Consular Body.

I accordingly have recommended to the Council either to present a unanimous case, or, in the event, a legal decision of the question through the Courts, Appeal superior to the French Consular Court, or to move a declaration of conformity of Art. IX of the local legislation as prescribed by Art. XXVIII. It is certain that such a declaration, in connection, to be made, the majority of the Council is necessary. It is evident to a common mind, and, I have no doubt, that the following provisions of Art. IX. "The persons resident within the said limits" is meant to be applied to, and to include persons who have either their private residences or their offices within the Settlements North of the Yang-king-pang.

I have the honour to be, Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

C. LUEDER,

His German Majesty's Consul-General,
Senior Consul.

Accounts.

The Financial Statement appended shows a surplus on the year's account of	Tls.	89.99
Viz: Receipts	Tls.	268,629.98
Disbursements..... „		268,589.99
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The Budget submitted by the Council estimated Revenue at	Tls.	240,067.07
But at Ratepayers' Meeting (vide page of Report) the Native Livery License fee was increased by	„	450.00
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Giving an estimated Revenue of	Tls.	240,517.07
The Receipts aggregate	Tls.	268,629.98
Deduct Loan Tls. 24,000.00		
And Premium „ 2,359.75		
		26,359.75
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		242,270.23
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Or an increase on the Budget of	Tls.	1,753.16
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The Expenditure recommended was.....	Tls.	240,067.07
The Disbursements have been Tls. 268,589.99		
Deduct cost of land and expense of building Hongkew Police Station	„	24,589.90
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		244,000.09
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Showing the Expenditure to have been in ex- cess of Budget	Tls.	8,938.02
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WATCH MATTERS.

COFFINS NEAR RIFLE BUTTS.

Complaints having been made about the offensive smell from the coffins in the field near the Rifle Butts, the Council addressed the Senior Consul, requesting him to represent the matter to the native authorities, who ordered the coffins to be covered with earth. The following is the correspondence which passed on the subject:—

SHANGHAI, 9th July, 1878.

C LUEDER, Esq.,

*His German Majesty's Consul-General,
Senior Consul.*

SIR, —I have the honor to request that you will kindly direct the attention of the Chinese authorities to the field situated immediately to the westward of the Rifle Butts, where the coffins containing the bodies of destitute natives are placed.

The coffins are made of very thin planking, and are merely placed on the ground without any covering of soil over them; the stench therefore from the decomposing bodies is at all times most offensive, and more particularly so during the summer months.

At present it is almost impossible to walk along the line of the railway when the wind is from the West, and even the natives working in the fields complain of the offensive smell.

The Council, therefore, fear that if steps are not taken at once to abate the nuisance, it may cause some kind of pestilence in the Settlement.

May I therefore beg that you will represent to H.E. the Taotai the urgent necessity there is for the coffins being put under ground at once, and request him to issue orders that in future all coffins taken there shall immediately be covered with some five or six feet of earth.

I have the honor to be, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

JAMES HART,
Chairman.

SHANGHAI, 15th July, 1878.

J. HART, Esq.,

Chairman, Municipal Council.

SIR, —In reply to your letter dated the 9th inst., and regarding the Chinese burial ground westwards of the Rifle Butts, I beg to hand you the enclosed translation of a communication received from the Acting Taotai to-day.

I should feel obliged, if you would indicate to me at your earliest convenience the name of the officer whom you may depute to accompany the Chih-hsien to the locality in question.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

C. LUEDER,
*His German Majesty's Consul-General,
Senior Consul.*

[Copy of Translation].

SHANGHAI, 14th July, 1878.

C. LUEDER, Esq.,

*His German Majesty's Consul-General,
Senior Consul.*

In reply to your letter, dated 10th instant, regarding the burial of Chinese coffins near the Rifle Butts, I have the honor to inform you that I have appointed the Chih-hsien of Shanghai to proceed with the funeral appointed by you, and with one of the Municipal officers, to the place, to inquire into the facts and to order the Tepas to at once arrange the matter in a satisfactory manner.

I have the honor to be, etc.,

The Acting Taotai CHU.

For true translation, =

(Signed) P. G. VON MÖLLENDORFF.

SHANGHAI, 15th July 1878.

C. LUEDER, Esq.,

*His German Majesty's Consul-General,
Senior Consul, Shanghai,*

SIR,—I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of your letter of this date enclosing translation of a despatch from the Acting Taotai, stating that he had appointed the Chih-hsien to examine the burial place near the Rifle Butts in company with an official appointed by yourself, along with one from the Municipal Council.

In reply, I beg to say that the Secretary of the Council will be glad to attend at H.G.M.'s Consulate-General, on any day and at any hour you may appoint, in order to accompany the Chih-hsien and point out the place.

I have the honor to be, Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

J. HART,

Chairman.

SHANGHAI, 1st August, 1878.

C. LUEDER Esq.,

*His German Majesty's Consul-General
Senior Consul.*

SIR,—I have again to request that you will be good enough to direct the attention of the Chinese authorities to the coffins containing the decomposing bodies of destitute natives lying about the field to the west of the Rifle Butts.

You will no doubt recollect that H.C. the Acting Taotai, in his despatch of 14th ultimo, promised that the matter should be enquired into, and arranged at once; and that on the 20th ultimo a deputy from the Chih-hsien's office visited the ground along with Mr. von Möllendorff and the Municipal Secretary, and then stated that instructions would be given to the Tepas to have the coffins covered up at once.

Since then nothing has been done, and the nuisance complained of remains unabated. I have, therefore, to beg that you will impress upon the authorities the urgent necessity there is for immediate action.

By Article XVI of the Revised Land Regulations it is expressly stipulated that no coffins of Chinese are to be placed within the limits of the Foreign Settlement, or left above ground, although the field in question may not be actually within the boundaries of Hongkew, it is still situated in such close proximity to the Settlement that I venture to hope H.C. the Acting Taotai will see the propriety of complying so far with this regulation as to order all the coffins to be placed under the ground at once.

I take this opportunity of enquiring whether you have had any further communication from the authorities on the subject of the Markham Road Extension.

I have the honor to be, Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

J. HART.

Chairman.

SHANGHAI, 2nd August, 1878.

J. HART, Esq.,

Chairman, Municipal Council.

Sir, In reply to your letter of yesterday's date, I beg to inform you that according to the letters received from the Acting Taotai, the Chinese Burial Ground near the Rifle Range, and that the Magistrate of this district has been ordered to arrange the matter with all possible despatch.

Enclosing translation of a reply which I have addressed to-day to the Acting Taotai.

I have the honor to be, Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

C. LUEDER,

*His German Majesty's Consul General,
Senior Consul.*

[Copy of Translation.]

SHANGHAI, 2nd August, 1878.

To the Acting Taotai CHU, P.P.

De patch.

Sir, I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of your communications dated the 27th and 28th July last regarding the Chinese Burial Ground near the Rifle Range, and to inform you that the Municipal Council have again requested me by a letter dated the 1st inst., to impress upon the Chinese authorities the urgent necessity there is for immediate action.

I have laid the matter yesterday before the Consular Body. Since the 9th July last, when I first addressed you on this subject, nothing has been changed on the Burial Ground. Weeks may elapse, if the Russian Magistrate remains entrusted with the arrangement of the matter. The weather being hot, and earthy and stench was having set in the day before yesterday, driving the stench right over the Burial Ground, there is immediate danger for the health of the Shanghai residents.

Therefore I hereby request you to order yourself at your earliest convenience the ground to be covered with earth, and not to entrust the Magistrate of Pooan with the arrangement of the matter.

I have the honor, etc.,

(Signed)

C. LUEDER.

SHANGHAI, 5th August, 1878.

J. HART, Esq.,

Chairman, Municipal Council.

Sir, The Acting Taotai informs me that workmen are occupied to cover with earth the coffins placed in the Burial Ground near the Rifle Range, and that the Benevolent Society Pan-an-tang, in Shanghai, has been ordered to cover up new coffins as soon as they reach that ground.

I have the honour to be, Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

C. LUEDER,

*His German Majesty's Consul-General,
Senior Consul.*

SHANGHAI, 12th August, 1878.

C. LUEDER, Esq.,

*His German Majesty's Consul-General,
Senior Consul.*

Sir, I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of your favor of 5th instant, and to inform you that you had been informed by the Acting Taotai, that workmen were engaged to cover with earth the coffins placed in the Burial Ground near the Rifle Range, and that the Benevolent Society Pan-an-tang had been ordered to cover up new coffins so soon as they reach the ground.

Therefore, I beg to say that the Council feel much obliged to you for the trouble you have taken in order to get the nuisance complained of abated, and at the same time I beg to tender their thanks to H. E. the Acting Taotai for having complied with their request.

I have the honor to be, Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

J. HART,

Chairman.

DEFENCE CREEK.

The Barrier at the junction of the Yang-king-pang and Defence Creeks has been removed in compliance with the request contained in the subjoined letter from the French Council :—

CONSEIL D'ADMINISTRATION MUNICIPALE FRANÇAISE.
Shanghai, le 27 Février, 1878.

MONSIEUR R. F. THORBURN,

Secrétaire du Municipal Council.

MONSIEUR, — J'ai l'honneur de vous transmettre ci-joint la copie d'un rapport du médecin chargé de la Salubrité publique, sur la Concession Française, en vous priant de vouloir bien me faire connaître les vues du Municipal Council sur la suite à donner à la question dont il s'agit.

Veuillez agréer, Monsieur, l'assurance de ma considération la plus distinguée.

Le Secrétaire,

H. SAYN.

(Copie.)

SHANGHAI, 13 Février, 1878.

MONSIEUR LE PRÉSIDENT. Au moment où les Chinois procèdent au curage du Yang-king-pang, je crois de mon devoir d'appeler l'attention du Conseil sur une sérieuse cause d'insalubrité qu'il serait facile de diminuer.

Les abattoirs des deux Concessions versent leurs eaux, chargées de détritus organiques, dans le Yang-king-pang. Elles y séjournent à marée basse jusqu'à ce que le courant se soit retiré. En été, ces détritus organiques restent longtemps exposés au soleil et une forte décomposition ne s'écoulet que très lentement repandant leurs émanations sur les deux bords de la crique dans toute la longueur Est et Ouest de la Concession. Avec les vents de S.O. régnant en été, ces nuisances sont balayés sur la Concession Anglaise.

Il y aurait avantage à diminuer la durée du séjour de toutes les matières putrescibles, ce qui serait facile en augmentant la vitesse du courant, en diminuant la durée du temps pendant lequel la crique est à sec, et en donnant à ces matières un débouché plus large avec un parcours moins long.

En rétablissant la communication entre la crique connue sous le nom de "Defence Creek" et par conséquent avec la grande artère "Soochow Creek," et le Yang-king-pang, on augmenterait la vitesse du courant au point précis où se versent les abattoirs. La marée ayant un espace moins long à parcourir pour arriver à ce même point, les matières organiques resteraient moins longtemps exposées au soleil; à marée montante elles seraient plus rapidement et plus complètement emportées vers le Whang-poo du côté de la ville Chinoise; à marée basse, elles auraient deux issues au lieu d'une, diminuant de moitié les causes d'insalubrité pour les quartiers populeux des deux bords du Yang-king-pang. De plus on pourrait obtenir des entrepreneurs de vitaines de diriger à l'avenir leurs bateaux par cette nouvelle voie qui parcourt des terrains inhabités.

La communication a été interrompue à l'époque de la guerre des révoltes, pour des raisons stratégiques; les mêmes causes n'existent plus aujourd'hui. En enlevant l'Estacade et en faisant creuser quelques mètres de canal qui deviendrait de jour en jour, par l'augmentation du dépôt de vase, un véritable marais, on améliorerait la navigation et les conditions de salubrité des deux Concessions.

La dépense serait insignifiante.

Je crois donc devoir recommander au Conseil de s'entendre avec le Municipal Council et avec les Autorités Chinoises pour que le curage du Yang-king-pang et du fossé des murais ne reste pas inutile au point de vue de l'hygiène, en laissant subsister une cause sérieuse d'insalubrité qu'il serait, à peu de frais, si facile de faire disparaître.

J'ai l'honneur d'être, avec respect,

Monsieur, le Président,

Votre obéissant serviteur,

(Signé) DR. GALLE,

Médecin chargé de l'hygiène

sur la Concession Française.

Pour copie conforme

Le Secrétaire,

H. SAYN.

SHANGHAI, 27th March, 1878.

H. SAYN, Esq.,

Secretary Municipal Council.

SIR,—Referring to what I had the honour of addressing you on 11th instant, I am now directed to inform you that instructions have been given for the immediate removal of the lam at the junction of the Yangking peng and Defence Creek, and for clearing away the offensive matter which has been allowed to accumulate there.

With regard to night soil, I am instructed to say that the Council are of opinion that it would not be advisable at present, to make any alteration in the route by which the contractors remove the refuse matter in their boats.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

R. F. THORBURN,

Secretary.

LIGHTING.

Additional lamps have been placed on the Bubbling Well Road, between the Horse Bazaar and Carter Road, and in various parts of the Settlement where required.

Annexed is the correspondence with the Gas Company upon the subject of extra charges for new lamps in outlying districts:—

SHANGHAI, 15th July, 1878.

F. B. FORBES, Esq.,

Chairman, Shanghai Gas Company.

SIR,—Under date 6th instant, the Council were informed by your Secretary, Mr. Yee, that in consequence of the Gas Company having no main in the Chaooufoong road, they must decline to erect a lamp at the end of it unless the Council bore the expense of laying down some 165 feet of piping estimated to cost about \$30.00, exclusive of lamp fittings, &c.

At the meeting of the Council held this morning, the subject came up for discussion, and it was unanimously decided that as a lamp at the Chaooufoong road was essential for the safety of those travelling or working there, it would be necessary to comply with the demand of the Gas Company, but that the Directors should be requested that the Council considered they were acting most liberally to the amount in making the above charge.

It is to be regretted that the public, at very great inconvenience to themselves, have been obliged to ask the Gas Company to open the roads where so many of the lamps are wanted, and to take upon rather onerous charges on the public to supply the gas to power a public lamp where wanted, because it does not happen to suit their convenience.

As the Council last time that the Gas Company have refused to erect a single lamp on the Chaooufoong road, I may be allowed to add that the constant need and anxiety to put the road in a very large, but that the Company will have no more in the Settlement some time ago, they would probably have been satisfied if they were not likely to be losers by having ordered the same. As the amount of new building now going on in that quarter, a good many new lamps are likely soon to be wanted.

With regard to the lamp now in question, I have only to say that as the Council consider it necessary to have one at the end of the Chaooufoong road, for the safety of those using the petty, they wish the lamp to be placed there at once; and trust that the Directors of the Gas Company will make the charge for doing so as reasonable as possible, considering the large amount they receive annually from the Council for public lamps.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

J. HART,

Chairman.

SHANGHAI, 20th July, 1878.

J. HART, Esq.,

Chairman, Municipal Council.

SIR, I have the honour to acknowledge your letter of the 17th instant, which has been laid before our Board of Directors.

The question of the position of the Company *vis-à-vis* the community, has often been brought forward by the Council in past years, and has formed the subject of much correspondence.

Our Directors beg to refer you to views expressed by their predecessors, and to see no advantage in reviving the discussion which your letter has introduced. Since the meeting of 1874, the Directors have found that the Shanghai gas supply districts, 120 feet of service piping for each lamp is all that the Company can now afford to supply at its own cost.

At times, as in the case of the lower Broadway extension, the whole cost of the main has been borne by the Company, with no adequate return to the Shareholders as yet, and for this very reason there seems less justice in the Council's demand for further sacrifices in the same district.

The Directors have therefore instructed Mr. Yee to place the required lamp at the Chiao-fong road petty, and to render a bill to the Council for the actual cost, less 120 feet of service piping as above mentioned.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

F. B. FORBES,

Chairman, Shanghai Gas Co.

SHANGHAI, 23rd September, 1878.

J. HART, Esq.,

Chairman Municipal Council.

DEAR SIR, Referring to our letter of the 20th July last, respecting the supply of extraordinary lengths of service piping for similar cases, we have now to inform you that since our communication on this subject, we learn that residents in the neighbourhood of the Chiao-fong Road have required the Company to lay therefore the piping to inform you that they will bear the whole cost of the service laid in this Road. In future when the Council request some in outlying districts, where the Company has no other business, the Company could, instead of charging for the service piping beyond the 120 feet, allow a fixed sum, which plan would increase themselves the number of lamps supplied by us, and as would return to this Company a moderate interest on the cost of the extra piping needed. It is an order may require separate terms, but the Directors will be prepared to meet the Council in as liberal a manner as possible.

I am, Dear Sir,

Yours truly,

JOHN G. PURDON,

Acting Chairman, Shanghai Gas Company.

SHANGHAI, 23rd September, 1878.

J. G. PURDON, Esq.,

Acting Chairman, Shanghai Gas Company.

DEAR SIR, I have to thank you for your letter of this date, informing me that as some residents in the neighbourhood of the Chiao-fong Road require Gas, the Company will bear the whole expense of the service piping, laid in this road instead of charging one-half to the Council as originally intended.

On further information, in future when the Council require lamps in outlying districts, where there are no other customers, the latter propose to meet the whole rate for the lamps instead of, as at present, charging the Council for the service piping beyond the 120 feet now allowed.

I am, Dear Sir,

Yours faithfully,

J. HART,

Chairman.

SHANGHAI, 25th October, 1878.

J. HART, Esq.,

Chairman, Municipal Council.

DEAR SIR.—Referring to Mr. Pardon's letter to your goodself of the 23rd September, the Directors think that it will be advisable to establish a basis on which extra charges on new public lamps in outlying districts may be calculated when necessary.

I now would suggest that an annual rental of 10 per cent. on the cost of the extra service required (beyond the cost of the 120 feet usually allowed by the Company) would be a fair and equitable charge to the Council; that rental to be paid or debited as soon as the lamps are put in use by public or private consumers in the outlying district.

The Directors, however, wish me to state that they do not propose to apply this rule to the new lamps just ordered by the Council in the Canton road and district, for which no extra charge seems called for.

I am, Dear Sir,

Yours truly,

F. B. FORBES,

Chairman, Shanghai Gas Co.

SHANGHAI, 29th October, 1878.

F. B. FORBES, Esq.,

Chairman, Shanghai Gas Company.

SIR.—I have to acknowledge receipt of your favor of 25th instant, informing me that your Directors think that it will be advisable to establish a basis on which extra charges for new lamps erected in outlying districts may be calculated when necessary, subject to the payment of an annual rental of 10 per cent. on the cost of the extra service required beyond the 120 feet usually allowed, as a fair and equitable charge.

You further add that they do not propose to apply this rule to the new lamps just ordered to be erected in the Canton road and district.

In reply, I beg to say that the Council do not wish to bind themselves or their successors to pay any extra charges whatever for new lamps whenever erected, but I am authorized to say that when any case does arise in which the Gas Company may consider themselves entitled to make some extra rental charge, such case will be fully and fairly considered by the Council, and I have no doubt that arrangements will then be made, which shall be satisfactory to the Gas Company and the Ratepayers.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

J. HART,

Chairman.

The following correspondence with the Chairman of the French Gas Company is published for the information of the Ratepayers:—

SHANGHAI, 25th September, 1878.

J. HART, Esq.,

*Chairman of the Municipal Council**of the Foreign Settlement,**North of Yang-king-pang, Shanghai.*

SIR.—For some time past we have been asked by several of our friends living on the settlement, North of the Yang-king-pang, if it would not be possible for our Company to supply them with Gas.

I have been instructed by our Board to find out if your Council would grant us the necessary permission to lay down our pipes in your streets.

It is probable that they could only be done in the winter, but we are quite prepared to meet the delay which might result from the necessity in which you are placed, in the slow disposal of the street during the winter, as the pipes are required.

The advantages which would result both for the Public and the Municipal Council from the competition between two Companies are so obvious, that I cannot even enumerate them. I can only say that, in stating, we would be prepared to underbid the other Company, and that a very moderate increase in our consumption would enable us to reduce our prices.

Believe me, Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

ED. MOREL,

Chairman.

SHANGHAI, 30th September, 1878.

ED. MOREL, Esq.,

Chairman, French Gas Company,

Shanghai.

SIR,—I have to acknowledge receipt of your letter of 25th instant, asking me whether the Municipal Council would grant permission to the French Gas Company to lay down pipes in the streets of this Settlement; and mentioning that, at present the latter are not prepared to supply gas at a lower rate than is now obtained by the British Company, you have no doubt that with a slightly increased consumption they will be able to do so.

Your letter was laid before the Council this morning, and in reply I now beg to say that so soon as you are prepared to state definitely where the French Gas Company wish to lay their mains, in which part of this Settlement they propose supplying with gas, the subject will be fully considered, and the Council will then endeavor to facilitate their arrangements provided they find that they can do so without causing any inconvenience to the ratepayers.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

J. HART,

Chairman.

SHANGHAI, 12th October, 1878.

J. HART, Esq.,

Chairman of the Municipal Council

of the Foreign Settlement

North of the Yang-king-Pang, Shanghai.

SIR,—Your letter dated September 30th was duly received and laid before the Directors.

I have been requested to inform you that their wish at present is to receive the necessary authority to lay their mains on the land in Suzhou and Kiangse Roads, as far as Nanking Road was in Shanghai, Canton, Koochow, Kiangsoo, Kiangsoo and Nanking Roads, as far as Kiangse Road.

It is more than probable that circumstances will lead us to ask the extension of every one of these lines before long, but, while it is of interest to your Council to know that our idea is to extend our mains wherever we could use the Gas is wanted, it is also necessary for us to receive some fixed amount, without which it would not be prudent for our Company to go to the expense of getting out the extra amount of plant which will be required.

I need not add that this can be obtained with great rapidity by sending telegraphic orders to Europe, the more so that a great part of the measurements have already been made some time since.

Believe me, Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

ED. MOREL,

Chairman.

Although the Sisters did not actually refuse to admit the man, the objections they raised were so strong that Dr. Henderson did not consider it advisable to press the point, so the man was taken back to the Central Station, where he completely recovered on the 3rd day.

Under these circumstances, Dr. Henderson has naturally applied to the Council in order to ascertain to whom in future it will be necessary for him to make application for permission to place a patient in the Hospital, and to know whether or not cases of emergency can be admitted to the Hospital on the simple recommendation of a doctor.

The Council are quite aware that the Hospital is not intended for the reception of confirmed lunatics with the view of their remaining permanently there, or even for any lengthened period; but the present case being of a temporary nature, and one which the medical attendant to the Hospital did not consider unsuitable for treatment there, it does not seem unreasonable to the Council that you should be asked to explain why the patient was refused admission.

May I also ask if the whole management of, and control over, the Hospital have been handed over to the Sisters, and if they alone have the power to decide whether or not patients sent by the Council are to be admitted.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

J. HART,

Chairman.

SHANGHAI, 17th July, 1878.

J. HART, Esq.,

Chairman of the Municipal Council.

SIR,—In answer to your letter of the 16th instant, I beg to state that there is no accommodation in the General Hospital for lunatics or cases of mania.

With regard to the admission of patients to the Hospital, I may add that, as previously, any patients are admitted on the simple recommendation of a doctor, except those suffering from mental derangement.

No change has been made in the administration of the Hospital.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

A. A. KRAUSS,

Chairman of the Board of Governors of the General Hospital.

SHANGHAI, 29th July, 1878.

A. A. KRAUSS, Esq.,

*Chairman of Board of Governors,
Shanghai General Hospital.*

SIR, I have to acknowledge receipt of your letter of 17th instant, from which I am glad to learn that all patients are admitted to the Hospital on the simple recommendation of a doctor, except those suffering from mental derangement.

The latter phrase, however, is rather ambiguous; the Council would, therefore, be glad if you would indicate a little more clearly the nature of the cases which are included under this head, and who is to decide upon the diseases under which the patients are suffering. For instance, delirium caused by excessive drinking, by sudden access of fever, or by the effects of the sun, are all, more or less, cases of mental derangement; but the Board of Governors surely do not mean to say that all these are to be refused admission to the Hospital.

On the other hand, dangerous lunatics and perhaps even those suffering from hydrophobia more or less developed, are also cases of mental derangement; but such as may very properly be refused admission. The Council therefore wish me to ask you if it is left exclusively to the Sisters to decide upon the nature of all cases brought to the Hospital, and if they are allowed to refuse such as they may think unfit for treatment there, without consulting the medical attendant to the institution, or the Doctor who may have the case under his charge.

You will please bear in mind that the case of Police Constable Brown was considered by his own medical attendant, and by the Surgeon to the Hospital, as one quite suitable for treatment in that institution; but that as the Sisters thought otherwise, he was refused admission.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

J. HART,

Chairman.

SHANGHAI, 2nd August, 1878.

JAMES HART, Esq.,

Chairman of the Municipal Council.

SIR, I have to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 29th July, and in accordance with your request, I will indicate a little more clearly the nature of the cases to be included under the head of mental derangement, and to do this I may say that delirium caused by excessive drinking, sudden access of fever, the effect of the sun and hydrophobia, can be at once admitted on the simple recommendation of a doctor; but in any other case of mania it is absolutely necessary that special arrangement be made with the medical attendant at the Hospital.

In reply to your enquiry whether it is left exclusively to the Sisters to decide on the nature of all cases brought to the Hospital, I may inform you that they do not do this without consulting either Dr. Little or in his absence the Doctor who may have the case under his charge, and it will be seen from your letter of the 16th July, that they adopted this course with Dr. Henderson, who himself says the Sisters did not absolutely refuse to admit the man.

In conclusion, I believe the case referred to in your letter is the only one on record when a patient sent by the Municipality has not been admitted; and there are special circumstances, in no way connected with the Council, but referring to the refusal of one lunatic on the same day, which led to the unwillingness of the Sisters to admit another similar case.

I am Sir,

Your obedient Servant

A. A. KRAUSS,

*Chairman of the Board of
Governors for the Hospital.*

Lock Hospital.—The number of Women examined now exceeds 100, and in accordance with the arrangement made with the French Council the pay of the two Inspecting Surgeons is raised to Tls. 1,000 each.

NUISANCES.

Silver Refineries.—The Inspector of Nuisances having reported that the Creeks in the neighbourhood of these establishments are contaminated by the refuse liquids which drain into them, and that the villagers complain of the annoyance they experience from the noxious vapours which escape from them, the owners were prosecuted at the Mixed Court, and ordered to close them. The following proclamation from the Chinese authorities was allowed to be posted in the Settlement:—

A PROHIBITIVE PROCLAMATION.

I have received the following despatch from the Taotai:—"I have been informed that all goldsmiths of Shanghai, within as well as without the city walls, submit silver they obtain to a process of refining with foreign acid in order to obtain the gold therein as a profit. The poison of this acid is stronger than arsenic, and by flowing into the drains and thence into the river, it endangers the life of the people. Therefore, there might, if not severely prohibited, a great danger arise from this poison. I have now directed the Chih-hsien of Shanghai to act accordingly, and instruct you to immediately issue a proclamation in accordance with the above, that the practice may be stopped. Should any bad character again dare to endanger life for the sake of gain by refining silver with acid to obtain gold, he will be brought before the Court and severely punished."

On receipt of the above despatch, I have given the necessary orders to my runners, and now issue this proclamation. All goldsmiths within the Settlements may therefore know that the foreign acid is a strong poison which may endanger the life of the people. And after the publication of this proclamation it shall not be used again for the sake of obtaining gold out of silver, and from this day hence everywhere the practice has to be stopped. Whoever hereafter endangers life for gain's sake will be submitted to severe punishment, &c.

THE JUDGE CHEN.

For true translation,

P. G. VON MÖLLENDORFF.

Shanghai, October, 1878.

Noises in Streets.—Leather washers have been ordered to be placed round the boxes of wheels of the Municipal carts to deaden the noise they make. Street hawkers are prohibited from annoying residents by their cries.

Dogs.—The police are instructed to destroy all apparently ownerless dogs straying about the Settlement.

LICENSES.

Jin-rick-shas.—The number licensed remains at 1,500, and every care is taken to see that they are kept clean and in good order, and that the coolies in charge of them are properly dressed.

Wheelbarrows.—The number licensed has, during the year, decreased to 1,600 @ 1,700.

Native Carriages.—All licenses issued now specify the number of passengers allowed to be carried in each vehicle. The Police have been instructed to see that all carriages stopping at the Bubbling Well are drawn up in single line on either side of the road, leaving a clear passage down the centre, and jin-rick-shas in Nankin Road, are subject to the same regulation.

NATIVE PROCLAMATIONS.

Chên, the Mixed Court Magistrate, in the early part of the year, forwarded to the Council, through the Senior Consul, a proclamation to be posted in Hongkew, ordering the immediate closing of certain establishments described as "Buddha Shops," of which there were said to be about 30 in various parts of the Settlements.

The Council considering that this was an unwarrantable interference with the rights of owners of property, decided that it should be returned to Chên, with an intimation that they could not allow it to be posted, upon which the Senior Consul wrote asking them to state in detail why they objected to the proclamation.

The following correspondence then passed with the Senior Consul on the subject:—

SHANGHAI, 20th May, 1878.

C. LUEDER, Esq.,

*His German Majesty's Consul General
and Senior Consul.*

SIR,—I am directed to forward you the inclosed Chinese proclamation, and to beg that you will be good enough to inform Chen, the Mixed Court Magistrate, that the Council object to its being posted in the Settlement, as they consider it an attempt to interfere with the rights of owners of property.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

B. F. THORBURN,

Secretary.

SHANGHAI, 21st May, 1878.

J. HART, Esq.,

*Chairman of the Municipal Council,
Shanghai.*

SIR,—I am directed by His German Majesty's Consul-General to acknowledge receipt of Mr. Thorburn's letter, dated the 20th instant, to hand you the inclosed translation of the proclamation in question and to request you kindly to detail the objections, you have against that proclamation, which tends to check prostitution and swindles practised by Chinese subjects in the Settlements.

I have the honour to be, Sir,

Your most obedient Servant,

W. ZAPPE,

*Acting Secretary of His German Majesty's
Consulate General.*

(Translation.)

PROCLAMATION ISSUED BY SUB-PREFECT CHEN, JUDGE OF THE MIXED COURT.

Repeated Proclamation

Whereas there are in the Settlements bad characters, who call themselves fictitiously Buddhist and Taoist Priests and Nuns and who open so called "Buddha shops," in which men and women, mixed together, are either reduced to evil or asked for money, I have, after receiving order from the Tuntai to prohibit such practice, issued a proclamation to that effect.

Such houses there are within the Settlements more than thirty, and as I am really afraid that it has been impossible to completely stop and remove them and as there is a daily and stealthily increasing shooting up of them, a proclamation forbidding their existence is again issued.

I therefore make this known to all, and people who keep such "Buddha shops" within the Settlements have to act accordingly.

Should there exist such shops, which are not yet closed, then the landlords and the ti-pans shall order such priests to close them and shall not allow that men and women come together at night-time, that buddhist books are recited or that money is asked for.

But should any one dare to secretly oppose, whilst feigning obedience, then, either after official enquiries or after private complaints, the headmen of such priests, together with the ti-paus, will be brought to law and severely punished without mercy.

Don't cause repentance when too late.

Let every body obey with awe, do not disobey.

Important and urgent!

A special proclamation.

Kwang-hsu, fourth year fourth moon 12th day.

To be posted up at Hongkew.

True Translation

(Signed) P. G. VON MÜLLENDORFF.

SHANGHAI, 27th May, 1878.

C. LUEDER, Esq.,

*His German Majesty's Consul General
and Senior Consul.*

SIR.—I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of Mr. Zappe's letter of 21st instant handing me translation of the proclamation to which the Council objected on the ground that it was an attempt on the part of the Native Authorities to interfere with the rights of owners of Property.

In the letter under reply the Council are informed that the object of the proclamation is to check prostitution, and swindling amongst Chinese subjects in the Settlements, and I am requested to state in detail the reasons why the Council object to it.

In reply I can only repeat what has been already written to you on the subject, and add that the Council cannot admit that the Native Authorities have the right, whenever they think proper, to order the closing of any places in the settlement, which they virtually assume they have by issuing the proclamation in question.

As to what takes place in those so called, "Buddha shops," the Council are of course ignorant, but no complaint has been made to the police about them by any one living in their neighborhood; they cannot therefore be characterized as disorderly houses, or indicted as a public nuisance, and closed on that account.

From inquiries I have made I am led to believe that the real cause of complaint against them is, that they interfere with the attendance of the natives at the regular Joss houses in the city and elsewhere, and that they refuse to pay any "squeeze" to the Head Priest, which has led to a considerable reduction in his income.

From the correspondence which took place in 1876 between the Senior Consul, and the Council, you are no doubt aware that the latter have always claimed the right to withhold their consent to any Native proclamation being posted in the Settlement, which has not previously been submitted to them for approval, and to be stamped with the Municipal Seal.

I have the honour to be, Sir,

Your most obedient Servant,

J. HART,

Chairman Municipal Council.

SHANGHAI, 21st June, 1878.

J. HART, Esq.,

Chairman Municipal Council.

SIR.—In reply to your letter dated 27th May last and regarding Buddha shops, I have much pleasure in informing you, that the Chinese authorities have taken your remarks, as far as they regard those shops, into consideration. The proclamation in question has been replaced by another one, which does not order the closure of the shops.

I avail myself of this opportunity to call your attention to the fact, that by their own free will the Chinese authorities pay 14,000 Dollars and 400 Taels a year for the benefit of the Settlements.

I have the honour to be, Sir,

Your most obedient Servant,

C. LUEDER,

*His German Majesty's Consul General,
Senior Consul.*

ARRESTS BY NATIVE AUTHORITIES.

SHANGHAI, 8th August, 1878.

SIR,—I beg to report for the information of the Watch Committee that about 5 p.m., 7th inst., several runners from the City and Mixed Court arrested a woman at 142, Szechuan Road, placed her in a jin rick-sha and conveyed her to the Mixed Court, and from thence she was sent into the City. No notice of this arrest was given to the Police, the friends of the woman came to the Police Station shortly after and reported that the woman had been kidnapped by some men unknown.

I have heard that a warrant has been issued by the District Magistrate and signed by one of the Foreign Assessors at the Mixed Court, for the arrest of this woman, but why should the warrant be executed in this informal manner, unless there is something wrong in the proceedings which would not bear the inspection of the Police.

I have the honor to be, Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

C. PENFOLD,

Superintendent.

SHANGHAI, 12th August, 1878.

C. LUEDER, Esq.,

His German Majesty's Consul General,

Senior Consul.

SIR,—I have the honor to inform you that the Superintendent of Police has reported to the Council that at about 5 o'clock p.m., on the 7th inst., several runners from the city and the Mixed Court arrested a native woman at No. 142, Szechuan Road, placed her in a jin rick-sha, and conveyed her to the Mixed Court, whence she was sent into the city.

No notice of the intention to make this arrest was given to the Police, and the only became aware of it from the friends of the woman coming shortly afterwards to the station to complain that she had been carried off by some unknown persons.

It is said that a warrant for the arrest of the woman was issued by the District Magistrate and counter-signed by one of the Assessors at the Mixed Court, but it is difficult to understand why the arrest should have been made in such informal manner unless there was something wrong in the whole proceedings.

Hitherto it has been the custom for native runners entrusted with the execution of a warrant in the Settlement to have it countersigned by one of the Assessors in the first instance, and then to apply to the Police for assistance in making the arrest. I have therefore to request that you will bring the affair to the notice of H.E. the Acting Taotai, and ask him to explain why the usual custom was departed from in this case; why an arrest was made in the Settlement without any intimation being given to the Police; and what crime the woman is supposed to have committed.

I have the honor to be, Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

J. HART,

Chairman.

J. HART, Esq.,

Chairman Municipal Council.

SHANGHAI, 16th August, 1878.

SIR,—I have the honour to acknowledge receipt of your letter, dated the 12th inst., and regarding the arrest of a native woman by the Chinese authorities.

Without entering on the question of principle, I have to reply, that according to information received from the Magistrate of the Mixed Court the warrant in question has been issued by him and countersigned by the British Assessor, that no intimation has been given to the Police, because the runners being on their way to the Police station met the woman in the streets and that the woman has been arrested in consequence of a civil case.

I have the honour to be, Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

C. LUEDER,

His German Majesty's Consul General,

Senior Consul.

MARKET BRANCH.

The Inspector reports that he has visited the Markets daily during the year and has found them always well-supplied with good and wholesome articles of food. During the year 1,365 lbs. of Beef, and 142 lbs. of mutton, killed for Foreign consumption, were condemned at the slaughter houses as unfit for the market, the rejected meat being marked and kept in view until disposed of at the boiling down establishments. In consequence of the supervision exercised, it is very exceptional to find any meat in the Markets which is unfit for food. The only seizures made were two Water-Buffalo calves, which were offered for sale as veal. The Butchers, in whose shops the meat was found, were prosecuted in the Mixed Court and fined \$5 each.

During the year there have been killed for the Foreign market :— 6,064 oxen, 9,682 sheep, 1,069 calves, and 217 foreign bred pigs; and, for Chinese consumption, 626 oxen, 867 water Buffaloes, 37 sheep and 47 ponies.

No rinderpest or other animal epidemic disease has appeared, and the cattle in the sheds are healthy.

Game.—98 head of game were seized in the market before the season opened, and the dealers prosecuted in the Mixed Court. The Magistrate inflicted fines amounting to \$27.00, but at the same time intimated that in future he would not punish anyone for this offence, as he considered that those foreigners who bought game out of season were more to blame than the natives who sold it.

The Council recommend that next year the open season shall commence on 1st September, instead of on 1st October as at present.

NUISANCE BRANCH.

The Inspector of Nuisances reports that the roads and alleys have been swept and cleaned as usual—the roads twice and the alleys once

daily. The garbage collected is removed in boats beyond the limits of the Settlement, a large portion being sold to native farmers for manure, and the remainder deposited above the high-water mark on the North bank of the Soochow Creek, near the Stone Bridge. The quantity of refuse collected during the year has been 20,995 cart loads.

Fifty-three nuisances have been reported during the year, mostly choked drains in private alleys in native part of the Settlement, which have been readily attended to by the owners of the properties.

There are at present two sources of nuisance in the Settlement which require special attention :—

One is the waste unenclosed land adjoining the houses on the out-skirts of the inhabited part of the Settlement, and which is freely used by the natives for latrine purposes in places where they are exposed to the view of people passing along the road. This might be remedied to a great extent by building a sufficient number of public latrines in suitable positions.

The other nuisance is a series of ditches or creeks a little to the North of, and running parallel to, the Broadway, near the Old Dock. These ditches were originally tidal, but being now partly filled up with rubbish, they are only affected by the very high spring tides. They receive the drainage of a number of native houses, and in hot weather are most offensive.

The night-soil Contractor has performed his work satisfactorily during the year, very few complaints having been made against him.

Silver assaying or refining has been carried on to a considerable extent. The Chinese proprietors of these establishments were prosecuted in the Mixed Court for a nuisance, and were ordered to close their works, but in most instances the latter were transferred to foreigners, and, although proceedings were taken against one proprietor in the Supreme Court, the work is still carried on.

VARIATION IN THE POLICE FORCE DURING 1878.

Foreigners.—Eight Constables have been dismissed for misconduct, three Sergeants and six Constables have resigned, one was invalided, and two died. 21 men have joined the force during the year.

Natives.—One Sergeant and five Constables have been dismissed.

DESTITUTE FOREIGNERS.

There were 2 destitute persons in the free beds at the General Hospital on the 1st of January, 1878, and during the year, 38 poor persons have been sent to the Hospital and admitted; of these, 31 were discharged well, 3 died and 6 are now in Hospital. The service thus rendered is equivalent to one patient being in the Hospital 1807 days.

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RETURN OF FOREIGNERS ARRESTED BY THE MUNICIPAL POLICE,
FROM 1st JANUARY TO 31st DECEMBER, 1878.

	<i>Assault.</i>	<i>Cutting and wounding.</i>	<i>Desertion.</i>	<i>Drunk and incapable.</i>	<i>Drunk and riotous</i>	<i>Larceny.</i>	<i>Man- slaughter.</i>	<i>Misde- meanor.</i>	<i>Total.</i>
January .....	..	..	..	10	2	1	..	2	15
February	2	..	3	10	1	..	1	..	17
March	4	..	1	20	10	6	..	..	41
April	6	..	..	29	4	..	..	1	40
May	7	..	2	30	9	1	..	1	50
June	6	1	1	23	6	1	..	..	38
July	2	..	1	19	6	3	..	..	31
August	1	..	1	26	8	3	..	..	34
September	4	1	3	28	5	2	..	3	46
October	8	..	2	29	6	2	..	2	49
November	9	..	..	15	5	1	..	1	31
December	1	1	1	16	7	1	..	..	27
	50	3	15	255	61	21	1	10	419

RETURN OF CHINESE TAKEN INTO CUSTODY BY THE MUNICIPAL POLICE FORCE.
FROM 1st JANUARY TO 31st DECEMBER 1878.

	Assaulting.	Assault.	Burglary & house-breaking.	Committing nuisance.	Cutting & wounding.	Drunkenness.	Embezzlement.	Firing crackers.	Forgery.	Fraud.	Evilous riding.	Gambling.	Kidnapping.	Larceny.	Larceny by servants.	Loitering.	Manslaughter.	Misdemeanor.	Obstruction.	Receiving stolen property.	Riotous & destroying property.	Robbery.	Shouting & creating a disturbance.	Squeezing.	Uttering.	Vagrancy.	Total.
January....	1	16	13	9	1	2	1	13	..	6	..	4	4	63	7	1	..	36	8	2	..	..	29	..	1	723	942
February....	..	9	10	4	..	6	1	1	..	..	1	33	4	56	1	2	..	27	1	2	1	..	13	..	..	485	657
March.....	1	25	8	10	1	12	1	..	..	..	5	19	6	68	8	1	..	21	1	..	13	..	22	1	..	378	596
April.....	1	17	1	13	1	9	..	..	..	1	1	..	1	84	8	2	..	22	5	3	5	..	21	2	..	434	626
May.....	..	25	8	9	..	6	..	1	..	3	..	9	..	67	6	10	..	24	47	..	8	3	36	5	1	396	659
June.....	1	13	4	7	..	8	..	8	..	8	1	5	..	77	7	8	..	11	22	6	3	..	30	..	1	535	745
July.....	..	25	5	..	3	6	1	..	..	3	..	23	..	76	1	6	..	21	14	1	7	..	31	..	1	457	687
August.....	15	24	9	64	..	5	1	18	..	2	..	25	3	107	4	4	..	48	11	3	1	..	54	1	..	366	777
September..	..	22	9	33	..	11	..	9	..	3	2	13	2	81	1	4	..	34	8	4	..	..	45	1	..	363	612
October....	..	25	4	89	1	10	..	1	..	1	..	20	..	70	12	5	..	22	5	..	4	..	33	..	..	308	610
November..	1	21	11	26	..	6	..	4	2	1	..	6	..	73	1	5	..	17	12	1	7	..	24	1	..	304	518
December..	..	13	8	13	..	8	1	..	..	3	..	5	..	82	2	6	..	5	6	3	3	..	21	3	..	405	592
Total.....	20	239	90	281	7	89	6	50	2	26	10	162	20	909	18	51	..	292	140	28	17	8	359	14	4	5,151	8,051

In addition, 2,281 Jin-rick-sha coolies have been arrested for breach of the terms of their licenses.

CONDITION OF CHINESE PRISONERS APPREHENDED BY THE MUNICIPAL POLICE FORCE,
FROM 1st JANUARY TO 31st DECEMBER, 1878.

	Neither read nor write.		Read only or read & write imperfectly.		Read & write well.		Known Thieves.		Unknown.		Opium smokers		10 and under 20 years.		20 and under 30 years.		30 and under 40 years.		Upwards of 40 years.		Total.
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	
Absconding.....	18	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	20	..	1	..	..	..	10	..	9	..	1	..	20
Assault.....	197	1	24	..	17	..	3	..	235	1	38	..	11	..	96	..	103	1	28	..	239
Burglary and house-breaking ..	50	..	8	..	12	..	34	..	56	..	42	..	3	..	54	..	22	..	7	..	90
Committing nuisance	254	6	21	..	..	..	..	..	275	6	51	..	16	..	92	2	108	2	59	2	281
Cutting and wounding	5	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	7	..	2	..	..	..	5	..	2	..	..	..	7
Drunkenness	76	..	8	..	5	..	2	..	87	..	5	..	3	..	38	..	36	..	12	..	89
Embezzlement	1	..	..	..	5	..	..	..	6	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	6	..	..	..	6
Firing crackers	31	5	10	..	1	..	..	..	45	5	4	..	5	1	12	2	21	1	7	1	50
Forgery .....	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	2
Fraud	19	..	2	..	5	..	..	..	26	..	7	..	2	..	11	..	11	..	2	..	26
Furious riding.....	7	..	1	..	2	..	..	..	10	..	..	..	1	..	5	..	3	..	1	..	10
Gambling.....	135	..	24	..	3	..	5	..	157	..	62	..	25	..	51	..	53	..	33	..	162
Kidnapping.....	17	1	2	..	..	..	..	..	19	1	..	..	..	..	5	..	8	..	6	1	20
Larceny	773	2	109	..	25	..	196	..	711	2	434	..	46	1	469	1	303	..	89	..	969
Larceny by servants	39	..	1	..	5	..	1	..	47	..	3	..	1	..	24	..	15	..	8	..	48
Loitering	49	..	2	..	3	..	22	..	32	..	33	..	4	..	28	..	20	..	2	..	54
Manslaughter .....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Misemeanor	269	1	18	..	4	..	23	..	268	1	87	..	16	..	113	..	113	1	49	..	292
Obstruction	137	..	..	..	3	..	..	..	110	..	62	..	4	..	52	..	47	..	37	..	140
Receiving stolen property	11	..	8	..	6	..	..	..	28	..	6	..	1	..	7	..	8	..	12	..	28
Riotous and destroying property ..	42	1	1	..	8	..	..	..	46	1	7	..	8	..	21	..	14	1	8	..	47
Robbery	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	..	3	..	..	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	3
Shouting, creating disturbance ..	293	5	46	..	15	..	6	..	348	5	50	..	20	2	180	3	104	..	50	..	350
Squeezing	6	..	1	..	4	..	1	..	13	..	1	..	..	..	7	..	5	..	2	..	14
Uttering	3	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	4	..	1	..	..	..	1	..	1	..	2	..	4
	2171	22	296	..	111	..	293	..	2585	22	879	..	161	4	1290	8	1012	6	415	4	2900

RETURN ON PUNISHMENTS INFLICTED ON CHINESE PRISONERS APPREHENDED BY THE MUNICIPAL.

POLICE FORCE, FROM 1ST JANUARY TO 31ST DECEMBER, 1878.

	Blows.			Cangue.			Imprisonment.				Blows, Cangue & Imprison.						Referred to City.	Remanded.	Warned.	Dismissed.	Total
	Under 50	50 Under 100	Upwards 100	7 days.	7 & not more 1 month.	Upwards 1 mon.	Not exc. 7 days	Upwards 7 days not exc. 1 mon.	Upwards 1 mon. not exc. 6 mons.	Upwards 6 mons.	Not exc. 100	Upwards of 100	Not exc. 1 mon.	Upwards 1 mon.	Not exc. 6 mons.	Upwards 6 mons.	Fined.				
Absconding .....	...	...	...	2	2	...	...	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	...	...	12	20
Assault	1	19	...	4	7	...	19	14	4	...	7	4	3	2	6	...	83	1	13	6	239
Burglary & house-breaking ..	...	3	...	...	6	4	1	14	25	8	9	5	4	12	6	...	1	6	...	4	90
Committing nuisance .....	...	...	...	2	5	...	52	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	214	...	...	2	281
Cutting & wounding .....	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	1	...	1	...	...	...	1	...	3	...	...	1	7
Drunkenness	2	...	...	1	...	...	12	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	88	2	...	16	89
Embezzlement .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3	...	...	...	6
Firing crackers .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	50	...	...	...	50
Forgery .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	...	...	...	1
Fraud	1	...	...	1	...	...	...	4	9	2	1	...	...	1	...	...	5	3	...	...	21
Furious riding .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	1	...	...	1	...	...	7	...	1	...	10
Gambling	1	...	...	...	7	3	17	40	17	1	7	2	2	5	2	...	49	11	...	3	162
Kidnapping	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	8	2	2	...	3	2	1	...	2	5	...	20
Larceny	12	41	5	33	115	19	72	169	121	34	42	12	27	18	22	9	20	36	51	8	909
Larceny by servants .....	...	...	...	...	4	...	1	4	9	4	3	2	8	...	5	...	5	...	4	...	48
Loitering	1	1	...	...	3	...	9	18	5	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	6	2	2	54
Manslaughter .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Misdemeanor	1	2	...	...	6	2	19	6	12	1	4	...	...	3	1	...	179	10	10	11	292
Obstruction .....	...	...	...	7	...	...	71	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	47	...	...	11	140
Receiving stolen property ...	...	...	...	...	3	...	1	4	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	14	...	...	1	28
Riotous & destr'ing property ..	1	...	...	4	...	1	4	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	25	...	4	3	47
Robbery .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	2	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	5
Shouting & creating disturb. 1	9	3	5	3	...	...	52	5	...	...	5	...	4	...	1	...	118	4	14	73	359
Squeezing .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	4	1	1	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	5	2	...	14
Uttering .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	4
	19	77	9	59	192	29	331	281	216	56	84	27	43	45	46	13	806	80	106	136	900

HEALTH OFFICER'S REPORT, 1878.

DEATH RETURNS.

The deaths of ninety-four Foreigners have been registered in Shanghai during 1878. A tabular statement of these will be found at page 45 of this report. At page 46 it has been attempted as formerly, to separate the deaths which took place among the residents, from those which occurred among the non-residents, the latter being chiefly represented by the sailors who visit the port; in making this division, six months spent in Shanghai have been regarded as constituting residence.

The deaths of fourteen young children have been registered during the year, and these will be found tabulated at page 46.

Nationality was registered in 90 cases, the distribution being as follows:—Great Britain 56, America 12, Germany 5, Sweden 3, Russia 3, Denmark 3, Austria 2, West Indies 2, Norway 2, Switzerland 1, British India 1. Besides these there were four cases in which no nationality was mentioned.

Age was ascertained in ninety-one cases:—

Under 1 year.....	7		
Over 1 year and under 10	7		Adults
" 10	20	2	residents.
" 20	80	29	7
" 30	40	21	9
" 40	50	14	9
" 50	60	9	7
" 60	70	2	
		91	82

For the sake of comparison with former years, the table of death rates given in the last report may be extended. The population—resident and non-resident—is estimated at 3,000, a convenient number, which probably nearly approaches the truth.

In 1870, deaths registered 103—death rate 34.3 per 1,000.

" 1871,	" 99	" 33.0	"
" 1872,	" 101	" 33.6	"
" 1873,	" 90	" 30.0	"
" 1874,	" 88	" 29.3	"
" 1875,	" 67	" 22.3	"
" 1876,	" 69	" 23.0	"
" 1877,	" 85	" 28.3	"
" 1878,	" 94	" 31.3	"

While the total death rate is greater this year than last by 3 per 1,000, it has to be noted that the increase for the most part has been among the non-residents. For, of *adult residents*, there died in 1877, thirty-five; in 1878, thirty-four; of *young children*, in 1877, eleven; in 1878, fourteen.

SPECIAL DISEASES OF THE YEAR.

Two causes alone bring the death rate this year above that of last year, viz: Heat Apoplexy and Drowning, causing the death of fifteen people.

On the 18th of August, the first case of Cholera was reported from a barque, the *Mount Lebanon*, which had been at anchor in the river for five and a half months; this case was fatal. The number of deaths from this cause is the same as that of last year, viz. sixteen; of these, two are residents as compared with six last year; while thirteen are either sailors or in some way connected with the shipping; fifteen are adults; fourteen males and one female, while one is a male child of seventeen months.

At the commencement of the outbreak, the attention of the Watch Committee was called to the fact, and the special sanitary precautions recommended in 1877 for Cholera and published in the report for that year, advised to be put into execution. This was done. It is noteworthy that while deaths occurred on the river, in the Hongkew Settlement, in the native part of the English Settlement, and I believe on the French side, that is, on all sides of the Foreign part of the English settlement, not only did no death occur in the last mentioned, but, so far as I am aware, no severe seizure occurred.

The following details are extracted from the official register:—

DURATION OF ILLNESS.

1.	18th August	2 days	From ship, 5½ months in Port.
2.	30th "	12 hours	Resident in Hongkew.
3.	" "	3 days	From ship, one month in Port.
4.	2nd Sep.	80 hours	From ship.
5.	8rd "	not stated	17 months old.
6.	7th "	4 days	From ship, one month in Port.
7.	14th "	16 hours	5 months resident.
8.	17th "	24 "	
9.	18th "	4 days	From ship.
10.	26th "	80 hours	"
11.	26th "	not stated	" 2 months in Port.
12.	2nd Oct.	16 hours	" 3 weeks.
13.	24th "	86 "	" 12 days.
14.	25th "	15 "	"
15.	15th Nov.	16 "	"
16.	27th "	not stated	"

Heat apoplexy carried off eight victims; seven of these were adult residents. The duration of the disease is stated to be in one case two day; in a second, a few minutes; in a third, half an hour; and in a fourth, two hours. In the last case, a very high temperature, 111.2° F. was registered. In the second and third no marked symptoms were present, excepting those of the disease, and the duration of the disease was but a few hours. In the fourth, examination of the organs showed extensive and general alcoholic degeneration of the tissues. Six hours after death the internal

temperature of one body was 107. ° F. Three cases are from the shipping. One case occurred in May after very severe exertion, one on the 7th two on the 9th and one on the 16th of July, two on the 8th and one on the 9th of August.

Of the seven cases of death from drowning but one is an adult resident, the remaining six being from the shipping.

Of a considerable number of cases of whooping cough which occurred during the year, only two cases are recorded as being fatal, and in both these cases the disease was preceded by measles and accompanied by severe complications, which latter caused death.

DEATHS REGISTERED IN SHANGHAI DURING 1878.

	Jan.	Feb.	March	April	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Totals
Fever Typhus		1	1										2
" Enteric								2	1				3
" Remittent										1			1
" Simple Continued								1					1
" Puerperal		1											1
Cholera								8	8	8	2		16
Acute Gastric Enteritis									1				1
Infantile Cholera									1	1	1	1	4
Dysentery									1	1			2
Chronic Diarrhoea								1				1	2
Ulceration of Bowel								1					1
Gangrene										1			1
Liver disease		1			1	1			1			1	6
Pneumonia				1						1			2
Bronchitis	1			1									2
Pulmonary Phthisis			2	1				1			1		5
Heart Disease	1	1	1			1		1		1			6
Aneurism of Aorta			1							1			2
Arterial Degeneration									1				1
Bright's Disease												1	1
Cancerous Disease of Bladder ..	1												1
Cerebral Disease		1	2		1		1				1		6
Heat Apoplexy					1		4	8					8
Meningitis						1							1
Fracture of Skull				1	1								2
Lockjaw of Infants						1							1
Convulsions								1					1
Spina Bifida										1			1
Tuberculosis								1	1				2
Disease of Knee Joint										1			1
Injury from Fall									1				1
Wound of Lung and Aorta				1									1
Opium Poisoning	1												1
Drowning					1	1		1	2	1	1		7
Gangrenous Inflammation											1		1
Total	4	5	8	4	5	5	5	16	16	14	8	4	94

SHANGHAI DEATH RETURNS, 1878.

ADULT RESIDENTS.

	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	April.	May.	June.	July.	Aug.	Sep.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Totals
Fever Enteric								1					1
" Remittent											1		1
" Puerperal		1											1
Cholera								1					1
Dysentery									1				1
Disease of Liver		1		1	1								3
Bronchitis	1												1
Pulmonary Phthisis			1										1
Heart Disease	1	1	1			1		1		1			6
Aneurism of Aorta			1							1			2
Arterial Degeneration									1				1
Bright's Disease												1	1
Cancerous Disease of Bladder ..	1												1
Cerebral Disease			2								1		3
Heat Apoplexy				1		4	2						7
Fracture of Skull				1									1
Opium Poisoning	1												1
Drowning						1							1
Totals	4	8	5	0	8	8	4	5	2	2	2	1	34

INFANTS AND YOUNG CHILDREN.

Date.	Age.	Cause of Death.
April	1 year and 7 months	Bronchitis.
"	10 months	Pneumonia.
June	18 days	Lockjaw (Trismus neonatorum).
July	2 years	Measles, Whooping Cough, Brain disease.
August	5 years and 6 months	Measles, Whooping Cough—tubercular lung and bowel disease.
"	8 months	Convulsions in dentition.
"	3 years	Simple continued fever and exhaustion.
"	6 months	Tubercular disease.
September	1 year and 5 months	Asiatic Cholera.
"	1 " 1 "	Infantile Cholera.
October	1 " 1 "	" " "
November	11 days	Spina Bifida.
"	1 year	Infantile Cholera.
December	11 months	" "

NEIL MACLEOD,
Acting Health Officer.

MUNICIPAL VACCINATION.

1,295 Chinese children were vaccinated during the past year. 705, were from the British Settlement, 663 from Hongkong and its suburbs, and 297 from the French Settlement. Supplies of vaccine were forwarded to many of the cities of this province and to the Coast Ports.

JAMES JOHNSTON, M.D.,

Surgeon, Chinese Hospital.

LOCK HOSPITAL.

The expectations connected with this institution and expressed in the Report for the year 1877 have been completely fulfilled. As regards the prejudices of the women against the system, which the last Report said were satisfactorily overcome, they have been scarcely felt during the last year. The best evidence of this is the constant increase shown by the list of the women on the roll. Whilst according to the last Report there were only 68 women distributed amongst 17 houses, there are now 106 women from 21 houses; and, as has been formerly the case, many more have been from time to time examined and rejected.

The institution has also done good in a sanitary point of view. This is specially the case in consequence of the women giving greater attention to their persons and clothing after once having been examined and knowing their examination is to be repeated weekly. Although the number of women examined has increased to almost double that of last year, there have been nevertheless absolutely fewer cases of disease. The report for December last gives as a maximum 12 sick women, all cases being of a slight nature. Another consequence of the regular surveillance, which is not to be undervalued, is the fact that women affected with secondary Syphilis, who in consequence would be subjected to prolonged treatment, generally leave the Settlement for their homes.

It is a most satisfactory result that, according to reports obtained from Surgeons of men-of-war of various nationalities stationed at Shanghai, cases of Syphilis have greatly decreased in number and are rare in comparison with the sick lists at other ports where there is no surveillance of prostitutes. In illustration of this I may add, that, having been charged with the functions of a surgeon on board H. I. R. M. gun boat *Morgue* with a complement of 90 men, during June and July last, I had to treat only one case of Syphilis, contracted during her stay in port, whilst 6 cases of Syphilis were on the sick list on the arrival of the vessel from Tientsin.

The following statement, kindly communicated by Staff-Surgeon Terry of H. M. S. *Charybdis*, now in port, with a complement of 275 men, shows the amount of venereal disease on board during the last year, contracted in the various ports the vessel has visited:—

Place.	Number of days in port.	Gonorrhœa.	SYPHILIS.	
			Primary.	Secondary.
Singapore ..	144	6	5	2
Hongkong ..	15	...	2	1
Nagasaki ..	11	5	3	...
Kobe	6	...	...	...
Yokohama ...	81	8	4	2
Shanghai ...	61	...	2	...
Chingkiang...	47	1	...	...

VICTOR ZACHARLÆ, M.D.,
Acting Surgeon to the Lock Hospital.

WORKS MATTERS.

HONGKOW POLICE STATION.

By desire of the Council, Mr. H. Lester furnished plans for the New Station, including residence for the Inspector, quarters for Foreign and Native Constables, Police Cells, Bell Tower, Godown, &c., as well as Dwelling Houses for the Inspector of Nuisances, and Overseer of Roads. Tenders for the construction of these buildings were advertised for; when it was ascertained that to complete the whole, according to the architect's plans, would require a considerably larger sum than the Tls. 21,000 voted in March 1877, by the Ratepayers, to cover cost of land and buildings. It was therefore decided only to build in the meantime the residences for the Inspector, quarters for 20 Foreign and 40 Native Constables, and 8 Police Cells, along with walls, gates, &c., costing with the land, architect's commission, &c., Tls. 25,318.00, which is all that was contemplated being built when the money was voted.

It is estimated that to complete the whole will cost an additional sum of Tls. 7,500, which can be raised by Debentures when the Ratepayers decide upon doing so.

ROADS.

The Council have missed no opportunity of acquiring land for the purpose of widening the main thoroughfares in the Settlement. The cost has, of course, been considerable, but they do not think the Ratepayers will consider the amount expended excessive, when they take into consideration the great improvements which have been effected. As a rule, the price paid has been the assessed value of the land, with an allowance for the cost of moving walls, &c.

Particulars of the roads widened are given in the annexed report from the Surveyor, and arrangements are in progress for the purchase of a strip of land for widening the Hankow road between the Bund and Szechuen road, and for acquiring a few feet in front of Chaou Fong Hong in Nankin Road.

Markham Road Extension.—From the subjoined correspondence, it will be seen that no further progress has been made in the scheme for extending the Markham to the Jessfield road, but the part along the Soochow Creek to Bait's Bungalow has been made up and widened, and the Creek partially bunded :

SHANGHAI, 6th April, 1878.

C. LUEDER, Esq.,

*H.I.G.M. Consul-General,**and Senior Member of the Consular Body.*

SIR, I have the honor to address you regarding the extension of the Markham to the Jesseldown, and to beg that you will bring the subject to the notice of the Foreign Ministry at Peking, regarding the same time in terms with the Tsung-li Yamen, with the view of obtaining for the Council permission to purchase the land required for this purpose.

During the last four or five years, repeated attempts have been made by the Foreign Government resident here to get the road, but unfortunately without success, for although the country people have not the least objection to the land at which any road might pass, the different T'ung-tai in the district, acting under orders from Peking, refuse to sell their lands to the needs of state, without which no transfer of the land can be effected.

For some time past, however, I have to hand your copies of the correspondence which has been going on on this subject, and would more particularly call your attention to the letter from H.E. Lee, Tientsin, dated 28th October, 1877, and addressed to A. Desmarest, Esq., H.E.M. Acting Consul, in which the former states that he has received instructions from Sir G. Combes, Commissioner for Foreign Affairs, not to show any land being purchased for the making of roads, "to the detriment of the interests of troops, and the cultivation of the land."

As you are no doubt aware, the Markham road was originally made in 1863, by the military authorities for the use of the troops sent by the British Government to protect the city of Shanghai and the surrounding districts from the ravages of the rebels, who at that time were in possession of nearly the whole province.

At present, when the troops were driven away from this neighborhood and Soochow, and other towns had been retaken by the troops under Major, now Colonel, Gordon, the road was neglected, the roadbeds became rotten and impassable, or were covered now by firewood by the villagers, and the road was gradually encroached on by the owners of the fields on either side of it, so that nothing now remains but a pathway to show the line it followed.

The purpose of the road is almost lost, and that of the old Markham road, and I call the Council now ask a permission to purchase very nearly the same ground as formed the old road, and to restore the bridges which they originally made.

Under these circumstances, I venture to hope that if through your good offices all these lands can be placed before the Foreign Yamen, orders will be sent to the officials here that they are to take no notice to plans of traffic in the way of foreigners requiring the land required to make a road which is to be used solely for purposes of recreation, and cannot interfere in any way with those already existing, or with the cultivation of the land.

I have the honor to be, Sir,

Your most obedient Servant,

J. HART,

Chairman Municipal Council.

SHANGHAI, 10th April, 1878.

To J. HART, Esq.,

Chairman, Municipal Council, Shanghai.

SIR, I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated the 8th instant, and regarding the extension of the Markham to the Jesseldown Road.

I consider it to be in the interest of the matter if you would give me particulars of the importance of the new road or the purpose of its construction. You would further oblige me by sending me a second draft of your letter's enclosure and two rough sketches of the locality in question.

I have the honor to be, Sir,

Your most obedient Servant,

C. LUEDER,

*His German Majesty's Consul-General,**Senior Consul.*

SHANGHAI, 11th April, 1878.

C. LUEDER, Esq.,

*His German Majesty's Consul-General
and Senior Member of Consular Body,
Shanghai.*

SIR,—In compliance with your request, I beg to enclose duplicates of the letters forwarded to you in my despatch of 8th instant, and two rough sketches of the proposed extension of the Markham to the Jessfield Road.

The road in question is to be used exclusively for purposes of recreation, such as driving, riding or walking, in which way it will conduce materially to the health and comfort of the foreign community, and therefore it is of some importance to obtain it. It is one also which the residents have long desired to have completed, as by connecting the Markham and Jessfield Roads an opportunity will be given them of varying the somewhat monotonous drive from the Settlement to the Bubbling Well and back again.

The distance between the two points to be connected is under two miles, the breadth of the road will not exceed 30 or 40 feet, and no graves or water course will be interfered with.

To say that this road will interfere to the detriment of existing roads, or with the cultivation of the soil, is so exceedingly childish that the Council can only look upon it as an evidence of an extreme desire to disoblige foreigners on the part of the Governor-General.

It is on this account that I have thought it desirable to ask your kind assistance in having the facts placed before the Tsung li Yamen at Peking.

I have the honor to be, Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

J. HART,

Chairman.

J. HART, Esq.,

Chairman Municipal Council, Shanghai.

Shanghai, 16th April, 1878.

SIR,—In reply to your letters dated the 8th and 11th instant, regarding the extension of the Markham to the Jessfield Road, I beg to inform you that the matter has been referred to the Diplomatic Body in Peking.

I have the honor to be, Sir,

Your most obedient Servant,

C. LUEDER,

*His German Majesty's Consul-General,
Senior Consul,*

SHANGHAI, 6th June, 1878.

J. HART, Esq.,

Chairman Municipal Council.

SIR,—Referring to your letters dated the 9th and 12th April, 1878, and regarding the extension of the Markham to the Jessfield Road, I have the honor to inform you, that according to a communication received from His German Majesty's Legation at Peking, the Doyen of the Corps Diplomatique, Mr. Seward, has informed his colleagues by circular dated the 25th May last, that he spoke with the Ministers of the Yamen in regard to the Markham Road, and that they agreed to write to the Provincial Officers in the sense that, if no special objections are found in Shanghai, none will be raised by the Government.

It will be in the interest of the matter to delay the beginning of the works, until the instructions agreed upon have reached the local authorities.

I have the honour to be, Sir,

Your most obedient Servant,

C. LUEDER,

*His German Majesty's Consul-General
Senior Consul.*

SHANGHAI, 22nd June, 1878.

J. HART, Esq.,
Chairman, Municipal Council.

Sir,—I beg to hand you the enclosed translation of a communication received from the Acting Taotai dated regarding the extension of the Markham to the Jesuit Road.

You will kindly appoint an officer, who may examine the locality in question, together with the deputies of the Chinese authorities and Mr. von Möllendorff, as deputy of the Senior Consul, and acquaint me with the result of the survey.

I have the honour to be, Sir,
Your obedient Servant,

C. LUEDER,
His German Majesty's Consul-General,
Senior Consul.

[Translation.]

SHANGHAI, 22nd June, 1878.

C. LUEDER, Esq.,
His German Majesty's Consul-General,
Senior Consul.

I have the honour to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 13th inst., transmitting copy of a letter from H. O. M.'s Chinese Affairs at Peking, with regard to a conversation held by Mr. Seward, U.S. Minister, with the French Yamen on account of the construction of the Markham Road.

On the 10th inst., I received instructions from the Minister for the Southern ports and the Governor of this province to the effect that according to a letter received from the French Yamen, dated the 28th May, the U.S. Minister, Mr. Seward, informed the Yamen that it was intended to construct a road outside of the Settlement of Shanghai to the West, about six or seven miles, and asked for written instructions to the authorities. In order to see whether there are any objections, the circumstances will have to be taken into due consideration, and a circular should be issued to the Taotai to let a deputy, together with the Shanghai Chin Hsen, inquire into the facts.

With regard to this road, I am not sure in what direction this road lies, which Mr. Seward said is to be constructed, outside of which Settlement it is situated, where it is to begin and where to terminate, how many miles of ground it will cover, and whether the people are willing to sell the ground or not, all this will have to be examined.

I have therefore issued instructions to the Sub-Prefect, Chang Choh Chien, to examine into this, together with the Club Hsen Mei, and let the latter report to you to deputize an official on your part to proceed with the survey and find out the spot to make the beginning of the road. I also hope you will send an official to inform the Chairman of the Municipal Council to go with the official, and to point out to them the place intended.

I have the honour to be, etc.,
The Acting Taotai CHU.

For true translation,

(Signed) P. G. VON MÖLLENDORFF.

SHANGHAI, 29th June, 1878.

J. HART, Esq.,
Chairman Municipal Council.

Sir,—Referring to my letter of the 22nd inst., I beg to hand you the enclosed translation of a letter, received yesterday from the Chinese officer Tschang, and regarding the Markham Road.

I should be obliged if in the course of to-day you would kindly answer my letter of the 22nd, in Chinese characters the district (圖保) in which the new road is to be constructed and order the officer you have deputed to meet the Chinese officials at His German Majesty's Consulate General on the 1st proximo, at 3 o'clock p.m.

I have the honour to be, Sir,
Your obedient Servant,

C. LUEDER,
His German Majesty's Consul-General,
Senior Consul.

[Translation.]

SHANGHAI, 26th June, 1878.

To C. LUEDER, Esq.,

*His German Majesty's Consul-General,
Senior Consul.*

On the 22nd instant, I received orders from the Taotai with regard to the new road and some copies of the letter of the American Minister, Mr. Seward, to proceed with the Chinese of Shanghai to an examination of the place.

I now propose, the 1st of July, at 3 o'clock p.m., to come to your office, together with the Chinese of Shanghai, and there proceed with the official appointed by you to the place. Before this, however, I beg to convey for an indication of the district *gru* and *poen*, in which the new road is situated, in order to inform the tipans and proprietors of land at the same time.

I have the honour to be, etc.,

TSCHANG TSCHY TSCHUN,

Of the Foreign Department.

For true translation,

(Signed)

P. G. VON MÖLLENDORFF.

SHANGHAI, 3rd August, 1878.

J. HART, Esq.,

Chairman, Municipal Council.

Sir, I have the honour to hand you translations of two communications received from the Acting Consul, dated the 16th and 20th July last, and regarding the Chinese of the Markham Road. You will have learned that the Shanghai Chinese Municipal Council, at the request of the Consular Lady and the Municipal Council, have agreed to the 1st July, viz., the 1st of August, that the landowners should be notified for the purpose of leaving the road to be constructed.

I have the honour to certify to you, that they are not prepared to sustain the Chinese of the Markham Road, unless you show that, as stated in your letter dated the 8th April, 1878, the landowners are willing to sell the land in question.

I have the honour to be, Sir,

Your obedient Servant

C. LUEDER,

*His German Majesty's Consul-General,
Senior Consul.*

SHANGHAI, 15th July, 1878.

To C. LUEDER, Esq.,

*His German Majesty's Consul-General,
Senior Consul.*

On June 13th, I received a communication from you regarding the Markham Road, in which you asked that the request of the Municipal Council the question of the Chinese of the Markham Road, and that an answer had been received, a copy of which was enclosed, etc.

I then received a notice of which settlement this road was to be constructed, when it was said that the Chinese of many lots of land were necessary, and whether they were willing to sell or not, and that for that purpose Chang Chuh-chen, Secretary, Sir Mo, the Chinese of Shanghai, to make the necessary inquiries.

I have now received a detailed report from the Chinese, which states:—"We proceeded to other, and the Municipal Surveyor pointed out the place intended for the road. It is located North-west of the British Settlement, and starts from the Chinese of the Chinese of Markham, in a westerly direction to the village of Ting-chen. We proceeded to the 27th pan, 12th and 13th pan, and on the 28th pan, 8th and 9th pan, and 10th pan. There is no path leading over it. At the 10th pan, and beyond which we could not proceed further, and had not reached the 10th pan, we could not proceed further. We, therefore, agreed with Mr. von Möllerhoff to appoint the 16th July as the day on which to proceed, again, after the marking out of the fields had been concluded.

I have now received a notice from the Chinese proprietors of the 27th pan, 12th pan, 13th pan, 14th pan, 15th pan, 16th pan, 17th pan, 18th pan, 19th pan, 20th pan, 21st pan, 22nd pan, 23rd pan, 24th pan, 25th pan, 26th pan, 27th pan, 28th pan, 29th pan, 30th pan, 31st pan, 32nd pan, 33rd pan, 34th pan, 35th pan, 36th pan, 37th pan, 38th pan, 39th pan, 40th pan, 41st pan, 42nd pan, 43rd pan, 44th pan, 45th pan, 46th pan, 47th pan, 48th pan, 49th pan, 50th pan, 51st pan, 52nd pan, 53rd pan, 54th pan, 55th pan, 56th pan, 57th pan, 58th pan, 59th pan, 60th pan, 61st pan, 62nd pan, 63rd pan, 64th pan, 65th pan, 66th pan, 67th pan, 68th pan, 69th pan, 70th pan, 71st pan, 72nd pan, 73rd pan, 74th pan, 75th pan, 76th pan, 77th pan, 78th pan, 79th pan, 80th pan, 81st pan, 82nd pan, 83rd pan, 84th pan, 85th pan, 86th pan, 87th pan, 88th pan, 89th pan, 90th pan, 91st pan, 92nd pan, 93rd pan, 94th pan, 95th pan, 96th pan, 97th pan, 98th pan, 99th pan, 100th pan, 101st pan, 102nd pan, 103rd pan, 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chung; of the 27th pau, 13 tu: Yan Wan-fang, Huang Hung-yu, Yan Chin-ming, Tsai Ching-chung, Shen An-chan, Ye Chong-sung; of the 28th pau, 8th and 9th tu: Si Ching-chun, Chu Hui-man, Tang Yan-san, Tang Chiu-wen, who pray as follows:—We are all farmers, formerly when the Municipal Council intended to construct a road, we were all of us unwilling to sell our fields and signed a petition to that effect in November last. The Municipal Council having again advanced their project, a day was appointed for inquiry. We have sown our fields with cotton and cereals, which are now in good condition, and which are the means of our sustenance. Should a road be constructed, the crop would be trodden down and the harvest destroyed. We do not feel inclined to sell our lands, and pray therefore to be protected and ask to be free from having our lands inspected and measured."

Again, I received a petition from the tepao of the 27th pau 12th tu south, Wang Ching-chung; from the tepao of the 13th tu, Tang Hsing-ping, and from the tepao of the 28th pau 8th and 9th tu, Tsan Wen-kuei, who pray:—"As the Municipal Council wish to construct a road, we have inquired of the proprietors of the land. They all have signed a petition, saying that they will not sell their land."

From these petitions it is clear that the tepaos and the proprietors of the land have all expressed their unwillingness to sell their land. As, therefore, it is not necessary to proceed on the 16th July, as first agreed upon, for joint investigation, I request that you will communicate with the proper authorities to abandon the construction of the road, &c. Thus far the report of the Chinese. As the road to be constructed by the Municipal Council is to traverse the fields, their being no old path leading that way, and as all the proprietors of the land in question are unwilling to sell, the fields being sown with cotton and cereals, necessary for their sustenance, as therefore a road leading through these fields is against the wishes of the people, I beg to propose that the intended joint investigation is now no more necessary.

Whilst communicating the above circumstances to you, I request you to inform the Municipal Council of the same, and to advise them in accordance with them to abandon their project in conformity with the people's wishes.

I have the honor to be, etc.,

The Acting Taotai CHU.

For true translation,

(Signed)

P. G. VON MOLLENDORFF.

SHANGHAI, July, 29th, 1878.

C. LUEDER, Esq.,

*His German Majesty's Consul-General,
Senior Consul.*

Sir,—With regard to the Markham Road, I had the honor to receive your letter, in which you propose that the idea of constructing the road should not be abandoned at the time being, but that the joint investigation should be delayed until the crops have been gathered.

I have no objections to again having the place inspected after the harvest. But although the exact ground for the new road cannot now be determined, still the place has been jointly examined, and as the people have declared their firm intention and as the landowners regard farming as their sustenance of life and have not the intention of taking the price when offered, it will hardly do to force them to sell, if they are opposed to it.

I therefore do not expect much gain by another investigation. I have, however, according to your wish, directed the Chinese to make another investigation after the harvest is gathered, and have the honor to inform you of this.

I have, &c.,

The Acting Taotai CHU.

For true translation,

(Signed)

P. G. VON MOLLENDORFF.

Secord Road.—Nothing further has been done towards carrying out this road.

Opening Roads by Gas Company.—The Council were some time since informed that great inconvenience was caused to the public and much damage done to the principal thoroughfares, owing to the Gas Company having opened them for the purposes of relaying their mains.

Orders have therefore been given that in future the Gas Company shall not be permitted to open roads for this purpose, except when repairs are being executed, of which due intimation is to be sent to them by the Surveyor, who is also instructed to see that no permission is given to open roads unless when absolutely necessary.

BRIDGES.

All the Bridges in the Settlements have been repaired and painted. The Skew Bridge on Bubbling Well Road, near the Lawn requires to be repaired, which will be done when negotiations now in progress are completed, for acquiring from Mr. Wheelock a strip of his land in that neighbourhood, which will allow of the road and bridge being widened and straightened so that those approaching from either side may have a clear view of each other.

BUNDINGS.

Yang-king-pang.—The Bunding from Fokien to Hupoh Road is now finished, which completes the work along the whole length of the Creek. Part of the stone work having given way between the Szechuen and Kiangsi Roads, it has been replaced by a substantial wooden bunding.

Hongkew Creek.—Part of the old Bunding near Seward Road has been replaced, in accordance with the provision made in the Budget. Extensive repairs are required for the Bunding at entrance of the Creek.

Bubbling Well Road.—The piles of the bunding of the Creek at the bend of the road having become rotten, it was found necessary to remove them, and make a new bund.

FIRE WELLS.

The Fire well at junction of Kiangsi and Canton Roads has been completed, and provision is made in the Budget for 1879 for the construction of another in Hongkew.

WATER WORKS.

At the Ratepayers' Meeting on 12th March, the following resolution was carried:—

Proposed by Mr. B. W. Little

Seconded by Mr. W. H. Carter :

Resolution IX. That the Council be not empowered to accept Messrs. Lai Hlaw and Son's tender for the construction of Water Works as detailed in the Municipal Report for the year 1877, or to raise funds by the issue of Debentures in such manner as may be deemed by them most expedient.

TREES.

New Trees have been planted in various parts of the settlement, in place of those which it has been found necessary to remove.

The Council have to thank the Garden Committee for the gift of some young lemon trees, and they have made arrangements for a supply of fruit and other suitable trees from Hangchow.

The villagers on the outskirts of the settlements having destroyed a great many young trees, the Council addressed the Senior Council on the subject, and through his good offices, the Native Authorities issued proclamations warning the people against injuring them in future.

The following is the correspondence on the subject:—

SHANGHAI, 8th April, 1878.

To C. LUEDER, Esq.,

*H. I. G. M. Consul-General
and Senior Member of the Consular Body.*

SIR, For some time past the Council have received almost daily reports of the trees planted by them on the outskirts of the Settlement having been cut down by dishonest and malicious men for firewood or other purposes.

I have now the honor to bring you the report, and to beg that you will bring it to the notice of H. I. G. M. Consul-General, requesting him to issue such steps as will for the future prevent the destruction of trees which are intended to ornament the Settlement and suburbs.

As far as the Chinese are aware, the trees are destroyed, not only by the villagers in the immediate neighborhood, but by strangers, and vagrants also, from the fact that they are in the Creek, they therefore beg that you will request upon them the Chinese authorities to issue such proclamations, and, if they do not succeed in preventing the trees, and warning the various laborers in the creek to refrain from doing damage to them, they will be held responsible, and obliged to replace those destroyed.

I further beg to send you an local copy of a special report on this subject from the Superintendent of Police, in which he states that the districts where the trees have been most injured are No. 12 district on the Yung-tse-poo Road, and No. 28 district between the Bubbling Well and Jessfield.

I have the honor to be, Sir,

Your most obedient Servant,

J. HART,
Chairman Municipal Council.

SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE FORCE,
6th April, 1878.

"I would respectfully bring to the notice of the Council that several trees have lately been broken on the earthen road outside the Eastern Settlement. I might possibly mention two districts where the trees on the road have been much broken, No. 12 district on the Yung-tse-poo Road, and No. 28 district on the road between the Bubbling Well and Jessfield. However, that those regulations are issued to the persons living near the road and roadways, No. 12 district, and No. 28 district, of this the regulations, the districts through which the road passes, and perhaps, if the Chinese or Chinese were commanded with in the districts, they would give instructions to the Chinese to prevent trees from being broken.".

"G. PENFOLD,
Superintendent."

SHANGHAI, 10th April, 1878.

SIR, Referring to your letter dated the 8th instant, regarding the destruction of trees planted on the outskirts of the Settlement, I should be obliged if you would inform me where you wish to have the proclamations posted.

I have the honor to be, Sir,

Your most obedient Servant,

C. LUEDER,
His German Majesty's Consul-General,
Senior Consul.

SHANGHAI, 2nd August, 1878.

C. LUEDER, Esq.,

*His German Majesty's Consul-General,**and Senior Member of Consular Body, Shanghai.*

SIR. In reply to your letter of the 18th instant, I beg to say that if you will kindly arrange to have the proclamations from His Majesty sent to the Municipal Commission, the Superintendent of Police will have them posted in the different villages, in the neighbourhood of which the trees have been destroyed.

I have the honour to be, Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

J. HART,

Chairman.

PUBLIC GARDEN.

Upon the application of the Honorary Secretary the Council decided to sanction the expenditure of Tls. 300 in constructing an additional Green House for the protection of the rare plants during the winter.

Report of the Committee of the Shanghai Public Garden.

SHANGHAI, 16th January, 1879.

*To the MUNICIPAL COUNCIL for the**Settlement North of the Yang-king-pang.*

GENTLEMEN,—The Committee are happy to state that the Garden continues in a satisfactory condition, and that the plants and shrubs are flourishing.

The Council having authorized the expenditure of Tls. 300 for the purpose, in response to the request of the Committee a new Green-house has been built in the Reserve Garden, to provide shelter for the constantly increasing stock of tender plants, for the protection of which the old accommodation was insufficient.

The community are indebted to Messrs. Gebroeders Boyvoets, of Overveen Haarlem, for a handsome present of Tulips, and to Mr. Maries and Captain Vaughan for many additions to their stock of Plants and Ferns.

The Gardening plant is in fair repair, and the Committee hope that in the coming season, the garden will not be behind former years in its attractions.

The estimate for the ensuing year is on a par with that of the preceding, and the Committee will be glad if the Council will provide for an expenditure of Tls. 1,000. There are no extraordinary expenses in view, but the bulbs which add so much to the gaiety of the Spring show are getting exhausted and must be replenished; and sundry alterations, which are in progress, will add somewhat to our present monthly expenses.

The outlay by the Committee for the past year is shown by the appended statements.

The present Committee are Messrs. Davenport, Rothwell, J. Love Jr., J. Welch and Geo. Corner, who are willing to continue if re-elected.

I am, Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant,

for the Committee,

GEO. R. CORNER.

Honorary Secretary.

Shanghai Public Garden Expenditure for 1878.

Wages and Sundries	\$645.82 @ 73	Tls. 471.45
Plants, Seeds &c.....		Tls. 50.42
	28.25 @ 73	20.62
		„ 71.04
Painting and Repairs	55.00	„ 40.15
Plant Greenhouse		„ 300.00
Awnings		„ 37.00
Pots, &c.	12.00	„ 8.76
		„ 345.76
		Tls. 928.40

CEMETERIES.

Pootung Cemetery. The Jetty and Mortuary Chapel have been repaired, at a cost of Tls. 290 and the Trustees have been informed that the Council expect them to repay the amount whenever they are able to do so.

SURVEYOR'S REPORT.

SHANGHAI, *1st January, 1879.*

TO THE WORKS' COMMITTEE.

GENTLEMEN,—I have the honour to lay before you a synopsis of the various works undertaken during the year ended December 31st, 1878.

BRIDGES.—The iron bridges across the Yang-king-pang at the end of the Yangtze, Honan and Shantung Roads, as well as the one across the Hongkew Creek, have been re-painted. The wooden bridges at the end of the Szechuen, Kiangse, Fuhkien and Yunan Roads over the Yang-king-pang, also those over the Soochow and Defence Creeks, have been repaired and re-painted. The bridges at the end of Pekin Road, over the Defence Creek and the Yang-king-pang, at the end of Fuhkien Road have been widened and strengthened, and iron railings fixed in place of the old wooden ones.

BUILDINGS.—A small magazine for storing ammunition has been erected in the Central Police Station Yard, in place of the old one, which was found to be too small for its purpose; also a small house at the Chip Yard, Defence Road, near the Soochow Creek, for storing tools, &c.

The various Municipal buildings have been repaired and painted as required.

BUNDINGS.—A stone bunding has been built to the mouth of the Yang-king pang from the iron bridge to the jetty in front of Messrs. H. Fogg & Co.'s premises, and a hard wood one from the Szechuen Road to the premises known as Oxford & Co.'s; in place of the old stone wall which had sunk. The portion between the Fuhkien and Chekiang Roads is now being done and is nearly completed.

The Hongkew Creek from the Seward Road to the existing bunding, to continue the Fearon Road, and the end of the Kee-cheong Road have also been done.

Repairs have been made to various bundings as required from time to time.

CEMETERIES.—The New, Pootung, Shantung Road, and Soldiers', outside North City gate, Cemeteries have been kept in repair.

The jetty to the Pootung Cemetery has been thoroughly repaired and replanked.

The Cathedral Compound, paths, &c., have been kept in good order. The table below shews the burials in the New and Footing Cemeteries from 1st January to 31st December, 1878; as compared with former years:—

	1ST QUARTER. <i>Jan., Feb. & Mar.</i>					2ND QUARTER. <i>Apr., May & June.</i>					3RD QUARTER <i>July, Aug., & Sep.</i>					4TH QUARTER. <i>Oct., Nov. & Dec.</i>					Grand Total.
	Men.	Women.	Children.		Totals.	Men.	Women.	Children.		Totals.	Men.	Women.	Children.		Totals.	Men.	Women.	Children.		Totals.	
			Male.	Female.				Male.	Female.				Male.	Female.				Male.	Female.		
1874	9	1	2	—	12	3	—	3	—	6	14	5	1	4	24	10	—	3	1	14	56
1875	5	2	3	—	10	6	1	—	—	7	10	—	1	1	12	14	2	1	—	17	46
1876	7	—	1	3	11	12	—	1	1	14	18	2	1	1	22	14	1	2	—	17	64
1877	15	—	1	—	16	12	—	—	1	13	25	1	2	2	30	18	3	3	1	25	84
1878	14	1	—	—	15	13	2	2	1	18	29	1	2	5	37	18	4	4	—	26	96

CREEKS.—The Yang-king-pang has been deepened and cleaned from the Whangpoo to the Defence Creek ; and the wooden dam in the Defence Creek, near Probst's Garden, removed.

DRAINAGE.—The Honan Road drain near Pekin Road, was temporarily repaired during the Summer months (a sum has been included in the budget to extend this drain by a wooden box to the Soochow Creek, where the old box has sunk.)

The Chaou-foong Road drain has been extended by a box to low water line.

A new drain has been built in the Nankin Road from Fuhkien to Kwangse Road ; and in Chekiang Road, from Foochow to Hankow Road.

Drain pipes have been laid in the Hankow Road, from near Hoopoh to Upper Kwangse Road.

The following drains have been cleaned :—

Shantung Road, from Nankin to Foochow Road.

Hankow Road, near Hoopoh Road, west.

Tiendong Road, west of Chapoo Road, and sinks built.

The drains on the Yang-king-pang have been extended through the new bundings, and the mouths of the main drains repaired as required.

Extra sinks have been built, and repairs &c. made in various roads where necessary.

The following Schedules shew where brick and pipe drains have been laid, with the sizes, falls, &c.

BRICK

Settlement.	Road.	Portion.	Length in Feet.	Size.	Shape.
English	Nankin	From Fuhkien to Upper Kwangse Road..	1232. 0.	2.3 × 1.6	Egg.
"	Chekiang	From Foochow to Hankow Road	573. 0.	2.3 × 1.6	"

PIPE

Settlement.	Road.	Portion.	Length in Feet.			
			12 in.	9 in.	6 in.	4 in.
English	Hankow	Between Hoopeh and Kwangse Roads	404.0.	238.0.	250.0.	—
"	Lock Hospital	Between Foochow and Canton Roads	4.0.	—	144.0.	—
"	Nankin	Near Yangtze Road	—	—	24.0.	—
"	Shantung	Corner of Nankin Road	—	—	32.0.	—
"	Soochow	Near Honan Road	20.0.	—	—	—
"	Yangtze	Near Hankow Road jetty	20.0.	—	—	—
"	Yangtze	Near Kiukiang Road jetty	48.0.	—	—	—
"	Ying wo-ka	From Nankin to Tient-in Road	—	258.0.	64.0.	8.0.
Hongkew	Astor	Corner of Whampoo Road	—	—	20.0.	—
"	Boone	From Boone Road to a Creek	—	—	—	7.0.
"	Broadway	Between Yuenfong and Chaoufong Roads	—	—	32.0.	—
"	Kungping	Between Broadway and Whampoo River	—	—	80.0.	—
"	Minghong	From Miller towards Woosung Road	120.0.	—	—	—
"	North Yangtze	Corner of Minghong Road	—	62.0.	40.0.	—
"	Rifle Range	Between Woosung Road and Rifle Butte	—	—	—	20.0.
"	Tiendong	From Astor towards Whampoo Road	—	231.0.	70.0.	—
"	Woosung	Near the Garden Villas	—	124.0.	40.0.	—
Outside Roads	Bubbling Well	In Front of Joss House	—	—	—	60.0.
"	Jossfield	Near first Bridge	—	34.0.	46.0.	—
"	Sideway	Near the Hermitage	86.0.	—	—	—

DRAINS.

Average Gradient.	Where Discharged.	Number of			Cost Tael.	Plan.
		Sinks.	Cesspls.	M.-holes.		
1 in 480	Fuhkien Road Sewer	15	..	7	1,890.43	D. 42
1 in 600	Yang-king-pang	8	..	3	829.67	D. 43

DRAINS.

Average Gradient.	Sinks.	Where Discharged	Cost Tael.	Plan.
1 in 210 to 480	19	Hoopeh Road Drain	378.00	D. 30.
"	..	Foochow Road Drain	30.40	"
"	..	Nankin Road Drain	4.80	"
"	..	Shantung Road Drain	8.40	"
"	1	Soochow Creek	8.00	"
"	..	Whangpoo River	8.00	"
"	..	"	19.20	"
"	6	Nankin Road Drain	120.20	"
"	1	Astor Road Drain	9.00	"
"	..	Creek	10.50	"
"	1	Broadway Drain	11.40	"
"	6	Whangpoo River	46.00	"
"	..	Minghong Road Drain	48.00	"
"	2	Whangpoo River	36.60	"
"	..	Ditch	30.00	"
"	5	Astor Road Drain	109.20	"
"	2	Woosung Road Drain	55.20	"
"	..	Ditch	10.20	—
"	..	"	19.40	—
"	..	"	14.40	—

FIRE-WELLS.—A ten chamber fire-well has been built in the Kiangse Road, between Canton and Siking Roads, for the Fire Department.

The various fire-wells have been kept in order.

LAMPS.—Brackets have been substituted for pillars where practicable.

Three extra pillars have been erected, and the positions of the old ones altered on the Bubbling Well Road, between the Nankin Road bridge and the Cross Road, to improve the lighting.

LANDING ACCOMMODATION.—A new iron pontoon has been placed at the end of the Canton Road.

New bridges have been put to the pontoons in front of the Hankow Road; P. & O. S. N. Co.'s and Messrs. Russell & Co.'s premises.

The iron pontoons at the end of Pekin, Kiukiang, Foochow and Canton Roads have been re-painted.

Repairs have been made to the existing wooden pontoons and stages in both Settlements. (A sum has been allowed in the budget for the purpose of repairing some of the old pontoons and stages which are very rotten).

LATRINES AND URINALS.—A small urinal has been erected at the corner of North Szechuen and Tiendong Roads.

PUBLIC GARDEN.—The pavilion, walls, gates, seats, &c., have been repaired and repainted, and the paths and slope kept in good condition.

RIFLE BUTTS.—A new flagstaff has been erected in place of the old one; drain pipes laid across the Range in various places, and portions of the Range bricked and sanded. Repairs were made to the iron targets and Marker's house as required.

ROADS.

The following roads have been metalled; bricked and sanded; chip paved; curbed and side-channelled.

Metalled.

Astor.—From Broadway to Whangpoo Road.

Broadway.—From Whangpoo to Seward Road.

Canton.—From Szechuen to Honan Road.

Foochow.—From Kiangse to Shantung Road.

Foochow.—From Hoopoh to Kwangse Road.

Hankow.—From Szechuen to Kiangse Road.

Hankow.—From Hoopoh to Kwangse Road.

Honan.—From Nankin to Canton Road.

Kiangse.—From Siking to Canton Road.

Metalled—Continued.

- Kiukiang*,—From Yangtsze to Shantung Road.
Kung-ping,—From Broadway to River.
Lloyd,—From Nankin to Chefoo Road.
Miller,—From Boone to Woosung Road.
Nankin,—From Honan to Hoopch Road.
Seward,—From Broadway to Nanzing Road.
Sungkiang,—From Szechuen to Kiangse Road.
Szechuen,—From Kiukiang to Nankin Road.
Tiendong,—From Chapoo to North Szechuen Road.
Tientsin,—From Kiangse to Honan Road.
Whangpoo,—From Astor to Woosung Road.
Woosung,—From Minghong Road to Rifle Range.
Yunan,—From Nankin to Kiukiang Road.

Bricked and Sanded :

- Boone*,—West of Woosung Road.
Chekiang,—From Foochow to Hankow Road.
Hanbury,—From Woosung Road to Hongkew Creek.
Keecheong,—Near Whangpoo River.
Kwanse,—From Hankow to Foochow Road.
Tiendong,—From Whangpoo to Astor Road.
Yunan,—From Sungkiang to Hoopch Road.

Chip-paved :

- Chekiang*,—From Nankin to Kiukiang Road.
Hankow,—From Hoopch to Shantung Road.
Hoopch, Footpaths,—From Nankin to Hankow Road.
Kiukiang,—From Hoopch Road to Ying-wo-ka.
Kiukiang,—From Fuhkien to Shantung Road.
Miller,—From Tiendong to Woosung Road.
Shantung,—From Peking to Ningpo Road.
Shantung,—From Nankin to Hankow Road.
Tiendong,—From Woosung to Broadway.
Ying-wo-ka,—From Nankin to Kiukiang Road.
Broadway,—From Kung-ping to Dent Road.
Hankow,—North side between Shanse and Shantung Roads.
Lock Hospital,—Between Foochow and Canton Roads.
Miller,—From Tiendong to Woosung Road.

Curbed and Side-Channelled:

Seward,—From Broadway to Nanzing Road.

Tienlong,—From Woosung Road to Broadway.

Whangpoo,—From Astor to Woosung Road.

Woosung,—From near Garden Villas.

Ying-wo-ku,—From North of Nankin Road.

Yangtze,—Near No. 1 bridge Yang-king-pang, east side.

The roads, curbs and side-channels, and chip paving have been kept in repair.

The following have been widened:—

Canton, —Between Szechuen and Kiangse Roads, north side, from Messrs. Cushney and McCulloch's properties.

Canton, —Near Yangtze Road, south side, Messrs. Adamson, Bell & Co.'s gate piers have been set back.

Hoochow,—North side and corner of Yangtze Road, property of Messrs. Brand Brothers & Co.

Hoochow,—Between Yangtze and Szechuen Roads, south side, property of Messrs. Russell & Co.

Hoochow,—Between Kiangse and Honan Roads, south side, Messrs. David Sassoon, Sons & Co.'s property.

Hankow,—Between Szechuen and Kiangse Roads, north side, from Messrs. Reiss & Co.'s and China Merchants S. N. Co.'s properties.

Hankow,—At corner of Honan Road, south side, property of R. F. O. Major, Esq.

Hankow,—N.E. corner of Szechuen Road, rounded, from Messrs. Maitland & Co.'s property.

Honan,—Corner of Hankow Road, east side, property of R. F. O. Major, Esq.

Nankin,—Corner of Yangtze Road, north side, Messrs. Augustine Heard & Co.'s late premises.

Nankin,—Between Honan and Kiangse Roads, south side, estate of the late C. S. Compton.

Szechuen,—Corner of Hankow Road, west side, Messrs. Reiss & Co.'s premises.

Szechuen,—Between Nankin and Ningpo Roads, west side, Messrs. Little & Co.'s premises.

Trees have been planted in various roads.

The table below shews that no progress has been made in the extension, &c., of Roads, named in pages 66 and 67 of report 1877:—

2. The Taiwan Road, east to Shansi Road.	Not yet arranged, opportunity not offering.
3. Continuing Amoy Road in an easterly direction to join the Fuhkien Road.	Nothing farther has been done.
4. Widening Kiukiang Road, between Hoopoh and Fuhkien Roads.	Not yet arranged, opportunity not offering.
5. Widening and connecting Woosieh Road, with the Shansi and Fuhkien Roads.	ditto.
6. Connecting the Loong-zee-yuen Alley, from Nankin to Taiwan Road.	ditto.
7. Continuing the Yang-tsze-poo Road.	Nothing farther has been done.
8. Road to define boundaries of Hongkew.	ditto.
9. Widening Ningpo Road to 30 feet, between Shansi and Fuhkien Roads.	ditto.
10. Extension of Shantung Road from Nankin to Ningpo Road.	Not yet arranged, opportunity not offering.
11. Widening Ningpo Road to Defence Creek.	ditto.
12. Yunan Road forming from Amoy to Ningpo Road.	ditto.
14. To widen Foochow Road west of Hoopoh Road.	Nothing farther has been done.
15. Road running parallel to and between Fuhkien and Shansi Roads, from Soochow Creek to Nankin Road.	ditto.
16. Seward Road and two other roads parallel to Broadway from Hongkew Creek to Dent Road.	ditto.
17. To continue in the northerly direction to Seward Road; the Taping, Keecheong, Yuen-fong Chaou-fong and two other Roads.	Not yet arranged, pending the completion of the Seward Road, before action is taken.

OUTSIDE ROADS.—The north side of the Bubbling Well Road, from the Nankin Road bridge to the Grand Stand, has been metalled. A new bunding erected at the Bend, in place of the old one which had become rotten. A small piece of bunding has also been put near Oliver's Bungalow, to protect the road from being washed away by the creek.

A large brick culvert has been built near the Bubbling Well, in place of the first bridge on the Siccaway Road. A small portion of the Siccaway Road, from the new culvert has been bricked and sanded in the centre.

The Markham Road, from Batt's Bungalow to the jetty in front of Trefanua, has been bunded; a piece of land near the Creek, bought for the purpose of a carriage turn, filled in, and the centre of the road is being bricked and sanded to Alpha Farm.

Drain pipes have been laid in place of rotten boxes on the Bubbling Well, Siccaway, and Jessfield Roads, and repairs made to the culverts, bundings, seats and railings as required.

Trees have been planted on the Bubbling Well, Sinza, Cross and Markham Roads, in place of those destroyed and dead.

The outside roads have been repaired and metalled as required.

I am, Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant,

C. B. CLARK.

Surveyor to the Council.

To

E. G. LOW, Esq.,

ROBERT MACKENZIE, Esq.,

GEORGE WITHERS, Esq.

GENERAL.

LAND REGISTRATION AND BUILDING REGULATIONS.

At the Ratepayers' meeting held on 12th March last, the following resolution was passed :—

Proposed by W. H. Carter, Esq., and seconded by R. W. Little, Esq.

Resolution X. That a Committee, consisting of seven Landowners (to be selected by the Municipal Council) be appointed to take into consideration the existing rules for the registration and transfer of Land at this Port, and the recommendations of the General Land Assessment Committee of 1869, to draw up a report as to how far the existing rules should be modified in accordance with the recommendations of 1869 aforesaid, and generally to make any suggestions that the Committee may deem advisable. Further, that the said Committee shall draft Bye-laws in accordance with their report, and place the same in the hands of the Municipal Council as soon as possible. And that the Municipal Council shall submit the report and proposed Bye-laws to a special meeting of Ratepayers to be held not later than 15th of May next.

Circulars were sent round to the Land Renters, in order to ascertain who would consent to serve, and Messrs. J. Bell Irvine, J. Buchanan, J. M. Cory, F. B. Forbes, F. A. Groom, H. Lester, and A. Melwood having expressed their willingness to do so, they were appointed a Committee to consider the existing rules for the Registration of Land, and requested at the same time to take into consideration the regulations for native buildings recommended by the Committee of 1877, and to draw up such rules as they thought likely to meet with the approval of the Ratepayers.

A very able report having been drawn up by these gentlemen, it was printed and circulated amongst the Ratepayers, and a special meeting was summoned for 15th May, to consider it, but as only 76 votes were represented, whilst 129 are required to form a quorum, it was found necessary to adjourn the meeting, and nothing has since been done.

STUD.

A new contract has been made with Messrs. Sewjee and Symons for supplying the Council with Mules, Ponies, etc., for Municipal work for three years.

Lease of Garbage and Sale of Night-soil.—The old contracts having expired, they have been renewed for a further term of two years.

GENERAL HOSPITAL.

Draft Trust Deed has been submitted to the Council and with a slight alteration approved.

MUNICIPAL STAFF.

Secretariat.—Mr. R. F. Thorburn has been appointed Secretary.

Agreements have been renewed with the following officers :—

Mr. J. A. POND, Accountant,

Mr. J. McMILLAN, Local Postmaster,

Mr. JOHN HOWES, Inspector of Nuisances, Markets,
and Livery Stables.

Mr. J. BECKOFF, Overseer of Roads.

Mr. G. M. Hart has returned from 9 months' leave of absence.

Messrs. C. B. Clark, Surveyor, and S. Reynell, have been granted 9 months' leave. Mr. H. Lester has been appointed Acting Surveyor during Mr. Clark's absence.

Mr. C. H. Suits, Assistant Overseer of Roads, has left the service.

Legal Adviser.—Mr. R. T. Rennie having resigned the post of Legal Adviser to the Municipality, consequent upon his departure from Shanghai, Mr. N. J. Hammen has been appointed in his place.

Officer of Health, &c.—Dr. Henderson has been granted leave of absence, for 9 months from 1st November. During his absence Dr. Macleod has been appointed to act as Health Officer and Municipal Surgeon, and Dr. Zachariæ as Surgeon to the Lock Hospital.

Gratuity to widow of late Tax-Collector.—In consideration of the long and faithful services of the late Mr. Roggers as Tax-Collector, his widow has been granted a gratuity of taels five hundred.

J. HART, *Chairman*,

R. H. ARTINDALE.

G. J. W. COWIE.

P. G. HÜBBE.

E. H. LAVERS.

E. G. LOW.

R. MACKENZIE.

J. H. WISNER.

G. WITHERS.

R. F. THORBURN,
Secretary.

COUNCIL ROOM,

17, Kiangse Road, Shanghai, 17th February, 1879.

REPORT OF THE FIRE COMMISSION

For the year 1878.

The Fire Commission submit the following report of the proceedings of the Fire Department during the past year:—

OFFICERS.

The officers elected for the year 1878 were:—

C. J. ASHLEY.....	Chief Engineer.
J. H. VAIL.....	First District Engineer.
B. A. CLARKE.....	Second do.
A. CHARRIER.....	Third do.

FIRES.

A list of the fires, which have occurred during the year, is appended.

The Community are again indebted to the officers and men of the various men-of-war in port during the year, for much valuable assistance at fires.

The Fire Commission have to thank Mr. Hanbury for a liberal donation of Tls. 100, forwarded to them by the Municipal Council, in recognition of the valuable services rendered by the Fire Brigade at the fire which took place on his property, in the Woosung Road, on 7th August last.

FIRE WELLS.

The Commission have pleasure in recording the construction by the Municipal Council during the past year of the much needed fire well at the junction of the Kiangse and Canton Roads, and further that provision is made in their Budget for 1879, for one in Hongkew, when the proper locality is decided upon.

While on this subject it may not be amiss to mention that the Fire Commission are endeavouring by other means to improve the water supply in case of fires.

PLANT.

In framing their Budget for 1878, the Commission only allowed a sum of Tls. 750 under this heading. Unfortunately the leather hose in stock has deteriorated so rapidly that the Board were obliged, at the urgent representations of the Chief Engineer, to take immediate measures to replace some of it. Fifteen hundred feet of rubber hose have been therefore ordered from America, and are shortly expected to

arrive, together with two hose carts &c., &c., A new set of fire bars for No. 2 Engine, two small pumps, nozzles, etc. have been procured from England. The cost of this new plant having very considerably exceeded the funds at their disposal, the Municipal Council consented to an application from the Commission to draw the Tls. 850 unexpended balance of last year's appropriation.

The remainder of the leather hose in stock being quite unreliable, the Commission purpose replacing it as far as possible during the current year with rubber material, and have therefore included in their Estimates for 1879 an amount of Tls. 800 for Plant.

ACCOUNTS.

Statement of accounts is appended showing a balance owing by the Department of Tls. 489.32 which is explained above. The Working Account shows a saving on the Budget Estimate.

SHANGHAI FIRE DEPARTMENT.

STATEMENT OF ACCOUNT for the Year ending 31st December, 1878.

RECEIPTS.		Tls.	cts.	Tls.	cts.	EXPENDITURE.		Tls.	cts.	Tls.	cts.
Balance on 1st January in Hongkong and Shanghai Bank	1,010	54				Salaries—Secretary	150	00			
In Compradore's hands	62	08				Department Engineer... ..	1,980	00			
			1,072	62		Native Staff—					
Native Guilds, Subscriptions for current year				1,419	00	Engineers, firemen & watchmen	1,848	40			
Agents "Victoria" Fire Engine—Contribution for current year				1,182	00	Blacksmiths, Striker and assistants in shop	581	07			
Subscription from Taotai for current year				400	00					4,559	47
French Municipal Council appropriation				1,000	00	Rent—Houses in Honan Road for "Deluge" coolies				152	09
Shanghai Municipal Council appropriation	2,000	00				Clothing painting helmets, &c., &c.				76	82
Extra	850	00				Coal and Oil, Fuel and light... ..				366	12
			2,850	00		Repairs and Appurtenances... ..				981	18
Blacksmith's work done for Municipality				595	20	Coolie hire at fires and practice				275	02
Sale of Hose				386	50	Material for Blacksmith				478	86
Donation by Mr. Hanbury				100	00	Printing, stationery and advertising				122	51
Interest on current account with Hongkong and Shanghai Bank				10	55	Taxes				11	14
Balance—Due Hongkong & Shanghai Bank	613	02				Replacing Electric alarm				10	00
Less in Compradore's hand	173	70				Sundries				267	72
				489	32	Plant—Pumps, nozzles, fire bars, from England, and hose and carts to arrive from America				2,709	81
Tals.			9,405	19				Tals.		9,405	19

CONTRIBUTIONS FROM HOME INSURANCE OFFICES.

At the last meeting held by the Fire Commission it was unanimously resolved by the Board to make an appeal, through the respective Agents in Shanghai, to the various Home Insurance Offices doing business here, for some annual contribution towards the expenses of the Fire Department, at same time forwarding to them a copy of the present Report. Up to the present time the whole burden of the expenditure necessary to keep the Brigade in a state of efficiency, has been borne by the Ratepayers of the two Settlements, the native Guilds, and the two local Insurance Companies, with a certain subscription from the Taotai; the Home Insurance Offices having declined to co-operate in maintaining the service.

The Agents of the various offices represented here must be aware of the value of the Department and that the effective and conscientious discharge of duties freely undertaken has been a first consideration with every member of the organization. The Fire Commission therefore, feel it a duty devolving on them, to urge the re-consideration of this subject upon the Home offices, and to point out to them that they can best show their appreciation of the services rendered by the Fire Brigade during the past year, by a liberal subscription to the Fire Department.

It is not the intention of the Fire Commission in the present report to review in detail the many fires at which the Brigade have assisted during the past few years. The facts are indubitable and on record, and were they needed to establish the claim of the Department to the consideration of the Home Insurance offices, it would be easy to produce a long account of services of this nature and to vindicate their position. Suffice it therefore to add, that since the official date of this report, at a fire which consumed the business premises at No. 24 Szechuen Road it was entirely due to the exertions of the Fire Brigade that a certain Insurance Company was saved from heavy loss: merchandize (tea) insured to the extent of Tls. 38,000, being stored in a godown not ten feet distant from the burning mass, and which must otherwise have been destroyed. The Fire Commission merely cite this case, (the last,) as an instance among many, and in support of their position in making this appeal. The late calamitous fire in Hongkong is, on the other hand, an instance of what might any day occur in this settlement, but for the energy and efficiency of the Shanghai Fire Department, and the Commission feel assured that with a knowledge of the above facts before them the Home Offices will be induced to contribute towards the maintenance of an organization that has undoubtedly rendered them valuable services in the past.

ESTIMATE FOR 1879.

The Commission estimates the Receipts and Expenditure for the coming year as under :—

RECEIPTS.

Native Guilds	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	Tls. 1,500.00
Agents "Victoria" Fire Engine	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	„ 1,182.00
The Taotai	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	„ 400.00
French Municipality	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	„ 1,500.00
Shanghai Municipality	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	„ 3,000.00
Work for Shanghai Municipality	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	„ 500.00
									<u>Tls. 8,082.00</u>

EXPENDITURE.

Working Account—

Balance owing by Department	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	Tls. 439.32
Salaries	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	„ 4,560.00
Rent	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	„ 25.00
Clothing, &c.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	„ 350.00
Fuel and light—Coal and Oil	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	„ 350.00
Repairs and Appurtenances	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	„ 400.00
Coolie hire at Fires and Practice	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	„ 300.00
Material for Blacksmith	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	„ 450.00
Printing, Stationery and Advertizing	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	„ 100.00
Taxes and Sundries	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	„ 807.68
									<u>Tls. 7,282.00</u>

Plant—

New Hose, Hose Carts, Hose Reels, &c.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	„ 800.00
									<u>Tls. 8,082.00</u>

A. McLEOD,
Chairman.

C. J. ASHLEY,
Chief Engineer.

R. F. THORBURN,
Secretary, M. C.

H. SAYN,
Secretary, French M. C.

Members
of Fire
Commission.

E. A. FABRIS,
Secretary.

SHANGHAI, 20th February, 1879.

FIRE RECORD, 1878.

DATE.	HOUR.	LOCALITY OF FIRE.	REMARKS.
Jan. 10	1.30 A.M.	116 G. Woosung Road, Hongkew.	Observed by Constable on the beat. The inmates called and the fire put out with water. Little damage done. No alarm given.
" 18	10.30 P.M.	882, Broadway.	Extinguished by the Police and inmates. No alarm given.
" 21	1.30 A.M.	Yangtze Road.	One of the rooms on fire. No alarm given. Fire caused by coals falling from a grate and put out by the Police with extincteurs.
Feb. 4	7 A.M.	Laou Ke-Cheong.	Put out by extincteurs. No alarm given. Not much damage done.
Apr. 22	4.20 A.M.	6, Sunkiang Road.	Cook-house on fire; inmates called and the fire extinguished with water. Not much damage done. No alarm given. Fire caused by some wood being placed near the stove.
May. 1	11.15 P.M.	Rue du Consulat.	The fire occurred in an alley. General alarm given and fire extinguished by the Fire Brigade.
" 12	9.30 P.M.	815, Shantung Road.	Some straw was seen by the Constable on the beat to be on fire. He called the inmates and the fire was put out with water. No alarm given.
" 14	12.30 A.M.	8, Soochow Road.	Extinguished by the Police on the beat, with assistance of a watchman. Alarm given.
June. 16	10.45 P.M.	Kiukiang Road.	The fire broke out in an upstairs room at the Chartered Mercantile Bank. General alarm given. Extinguished by the Fire Brigade.
July 19	12 P.M.	Horse Bazaar.	The fire broke out in some houses filled with straw. General alarm given. Extinguished by pulling down the adjoining houses. Six houses burnt and three partially pulled down.
" 24	4.40 P.M.	Rue de Consulat.	General alarm given. Fire extinguished by the Fire Brigade. Three houses burnt and two or three damaged. Caused by letting off fireworks.
" 27	3.25 A.M.	Sunkiang Road.	A bed curtain caught fire, but was extinguished before much damage was done. It was caused by a woman smoking.
Aug. 6	10 P.M.	Chefoo Road.	A large straw stack caught fire. General alarm given and the Brigade attended, the fire burnt out. Supposed to have been set on fire.
" 9	1.30 A.M.	Hongkew village.	Extinguished by extincteurs. One house burnt.
" 10	2.55	Fuhkien Rd. Bridge.	General alarm given. Fire extinguished by the Brigade. Three small houses burnt. Supposed to have been caused by smoking among straw in one of the houses.

FIRE RECORD, 1878.—*Continued.*

DATE.	HOUR.	LOCALITY OF FIRE.	REMARKS.
Aug. 16	9 P.M.	Chefoo Road.	The fire broke out in a stack of straw near the Chefoo Road, which set fire to three small houses containing straw. Put out by extincteurs and water. No alarm given.
" 16	10.25 P.M.	Woosung and Tien-dong Roads.	General alarm given. Extinguished by the Fire Brigade. 87 houses destroyed.
Sept. 5	8 P.M.	12, Kiangse Road.	An alarm was given and the fire extinguished by the Police and inmates. Bedding and woodwork burnt. Supposed to have been set on fire by some persons throwing fire through a window on the bed.
" 12	8 P.M.	12, Kiangse Road.	Put out by the inmates before much harm was done. No alarm given. Supposed to have been set on fire by some persons throwing fire through the windows.
" 14	8.5 P.M.	Woosung Road.	Extinguished by the Police and neighbours. Little damage done. Alarm given.
Oct. 8	9 A.M.	Woochang Road.	Alarm given. Extinguished by the Police and neighbours.
Nov. 10	11 A.M.	French Concession.	Three houses burnt. Put out by the Brigade.
" 21	9.5 P.M.	Railway Station.	One female burnt and one house destroyed. Put out by the Brigade.
" 22	4.30 A.M.	Hankow and Foo-chow Roads.	Supposed to have been caused by a lamp setting fire to a bed curtain.
" 28	8.30 A.M.	Hongkew Foundry.	Extinguished by the Police and neighbours. Very little damage done. Alarm given.
Dec. 5	12.5 P.M.	Woosung Road.	Extinguished by the Brigade. 28 houses destroyed.

No. DETAILED MUNICIPAL

1st January, 1878, to

REVENUE.	To 31st Dec. 1877.		To 31st Dec. 1878.		TOTAL.	
	Tls.	cts.	Tls.	cts.	Tls.	cts.
<i>Foreign—</i>						
LAND TAX—3/10ths of one per cent. on assessed value of land registered in the various Consulates in the names of foreigners—assessment of 1875-76—from 1st January to 31st December, 1878 ... ..	.....		20,151.52			
Outstanding on 31st December, 1877, since received	823.98					
					20,475.50	
<i>General Municipal Rate—Foreign—</i>						
6 per cent. on assessed rentals of foreign houses ... ..	.....		26,349.86			
Outstanding on 31st December, 1877, since received	18.50					
					26,368.36	
<i>General Municipal Rate—Native—</i>						
8 per cent. on assessed rentals of Chinese houses ... ..	.....		.....		50,851.52	
<i>Dues on Merchandise—</i>						
From Public during the year ... ..	.....		61,192.13			
Outstanding on 31st December, 1878, and considered recoverable ... ..	.....		5,172.20			
From the Taoutai—\$14,000 realised at various rates ... ..	.....		10,197.25			
Outstanding on 31st December, 1877, since collected	6,889.20		.....		
					83,450.78	
LICENSE FEES.						
<i>Foreign—</i>						
Wine and spirit retailers	1,798.00					
Billiard and bowling saloons	260.08					
			2,058.08			
<i>Foreign & Native—</i>						
Theatre and Concert	506.22					
Livery stable-keepers	1,679.04					
Cargo-boats	4,912.10					
			7,097.36			
<i>Native</i>						
Sellers of foreign liquors	1,388.16					
Sampanas	965.76					
Pawn-shops	8,038.88					
Opium-shops	11,796.12					
Wheelbarrows	4,836.22					
Wine-shops	1,475.72					
Jin-rik-shas	6,707.98					
			29,706.84			
					38,859.28	
NIGHT-SOIL.						
Sale of night-soil		1,799.26	
Carried forward.....Tls.	7,226.68			221,799.70	

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STATEMENT.

FINANCE.

31st December, 1878.

DISBURSEMENTS.	Incurred by Council 1877.		Incurred 1st January to 31st Dec. 1878.		TOTAL BALANCE per General Ledger.	
	Tls.	cts.	Tls.	cts.	Tls.	cts.
POLICE FORCE.						
<i>Pay—</i>						
Foreigners		25,299.76			
Natives		12,902.93			
			38,202.69			
<i>Deduct—</i>						
For men employed on special service, collec- tion of taxes, &c.		2,778.97		35,423.72	
<i>Medical Aid—</i>						
Medicines...		232.00			
Hospital Charges		48.09		280.09	
<i>Rent—</i>						
Hongkew Station		1,500.00			
Native constables' quarters...		87.11			
Louza Station		381.74			
Chinese Government ground tax...		15.90		1,934.75	
<i>Insurance—</i>						
On Central Station...		147.62	
<i>Passage Money—</i>						
Amount transferred to "Police Passage Fund" for men entitled to passages home in terms of agreement...		600.00	
<i>Clothing—</i>						
For the whole force		3,893.95	
<i>Incidental Charges—</i>						
Coolie and sampan hire for carrying sick and drunken men		87.85			
Food for prisoners		1,243.27			
Wages of shroff, messengers and coolies		528.00			
Punkah coolies		106.72			
Burial of 3 constables		140.00			
Taxes on houses occupied by married members of the force		56.17			
Printing and stationery		136.43			
Fuel and light...		1,881.33			
Miscellaneous charges		73.78			
					4,253.55	
Carried forward.....Tls.		46,033.68	

MUNICIPAL FINANCE—Continued.

REVENUE.	To 31st Dec. 1877.	To 31st Dec. 1878.	TOTAL.
Brought forward.....Tls.	7,226.68	.....	221,799.70
SANITARY DEPARTMENT.			
<i>Lock Hospital—</i>			
Fees collected ... ..	.....	716.80	
<i>Less—Paid French Municipal Council</i>		358.40	
			358.40
Carried forward.....Tls.	7,226.68	.....	222,158.10

MUNICIPAL FINANCE—Continued.

DISBURSEMENTS.	Incurred by Council 1877.	Incurred 1st Jan. to 31st Dec. 1878.	TOTAL	
			Taels	cts.
Brought forward .....Tls.	46,033.68	
RELIEF FUND.				
Contributed during the year to foreign and native poor	295.45	
SANITARY BRANCH.				
<i>Foreign & Native Hospitals—</i>				
General Hospital—Grant for the current year		2,000.00		
Hospitals for Chinese	1,000.00	3,000.00	
<i>Lock Hospital—</i>				
Pay of 2 Surgeons	1,583.84		
Wages of Constables	213.97		
Repairs to building	18.80		
Taxes on building	19.48		
Medicines...	82.93		
Stationery and incidentals	23.36		
		1,891.88		
Less—Paid by French Municipal Council	945.94	945.94	
<i>Medical—</i>				
Pay of Officer of Health	500.00		
" " Municipal Surgeon	750.00	1,250.00	
<i>Market & Nuisance—</i>				
<i>Pay—</i>				
Inspector of Markets, Nuisances and Livery Stables	2,100.00		
2 Assistants	900.00		
1 do. Hongkew	420.00		
1 Native Overseer	96.00		
		3,516.00		
<i>Labour—</i>				
Removing night-soil and garbage and sweep- ing streets	4,063.53		
Watering roads (the Bubbling Well road included)	3,589.87		
Weeding roads	180.98		
Watchmen for preventing nuisances	281.82		
Cleaning drains	1,832.22		
Hire of jin-rick-shas for assistants during the summer months	27.51		
Disinfectants	319.03		
Miscellaneous charges	20.32	13,830.78	
LIGHTING.				
Gas for Settlement and Bubbling Well road	14,255.51	
Carried forward.....	79,111.36	

MUNICIPAL FINANCE—Continued.

REVENUE.	To 31st Dec. 1877.	To 31st Dec. 1878.	TOTAL.
Brought forward.....Tls.	7,226.68	.....	222,168.10
SURVEYOR'S OFFICE.			
Fees for permits to use sunshades over public thoroughfares ... ..	.....	71.35	
Fees for permits to open roads for the purpose of constructing or repairing drains ... ..	.....	210.00	
Fees for making tracings of properties ... ..	.....	5.81	
			287.16
Carried forward.....Tls.	7,226.68	.....	222,445.26

MUNICIPAL FINANCE—Continued.

DISBURSEMENTS.	Incurred by Council 1877.	Incurred 1st Jan. to 31st Dec. 1878	TOTAL Tls. cts.
Brought forward.....Tls.	79,111.86
SURVEYOR'S OFFICE.			
<i>Pay—Foreign Staff—</i>			
Surveyor	3,600.00	
Assistant	600.00	
2 Overseers	1,655.00	
1 Overseer (3 months.)	100.00	
<i>Native Staff—</i>			
Office writer	720.00	
Tracer...	830.00	
Head Foreman and Interpreter	210.00	
Office-boy	84.00	
Carpenter	144.00	
Water-coolie	26.22	
<i>Rent and Allowances—</i>			
Allowance to Assistant Overseer	60.00	
Rent of ground on Soochow Creek for storing road materials	150.00	
Rent of ground corner of Nanking and Lloyd Roads from 1873 to 1875...	150.00	
<i>Insurance—</i>			
On Office furniture, instruments, and plans in office	80.00	
Fuel and light	75.88	
Stationery, Printing, Newspapers and office necessaries	288.65	
Jin-ick-sha hire during summer months	22.45	
Miscellaneous charges	14.40	
			8,255.60
PUBLIC WORKS.			
<i>Bridges—</i>			
Repairs to Louza	1,880.00	
General repairs and painting	1,946.91	
<i>Buildings—</i>			
Ordinary repairs to all buildings	877.06	
<i>Bundings—</i>			
Hongkew Creek near Seward Road	2,485.86	
Yang-kung-pang—Repairs between Kiangse and Szechuen roads	1,105.40	
From Fuhkien to Chekiang roads	2,601.45	
From No. 1 bridge to mouth of the Creek—Outstanding 31st December, 1877, since paid... ..	1,760.00	.....
Ordinary repairs	1,065.85	
Repairing Bund—at end of the Keechong road	487.47	
<i>Creeks—</i>			
Yang-kung-pang Creek—Half-cost Cleansing Outstanding 31st December, 1877, since paid	1,500.00	.....
Carried forward.....Tls.	3,260.00	11,900.00	87,366.96

MUNICIPAL FINANCE—*Continued.*

REVENUE.	To 31st Dec. 1877.	To 31st Dec. 1878	TOTAL.
Brought forward.....Tls.	7,226.68	.....	222,445.26
Carried forward.....Tls.	7,226.68	.....	222,445.26

MUNICIPAL FINANCE—Continued.

DISBURSEMENTS.	Incurred by Council 1877.	Incurred 1st Jan. to 31st Dec. 1878.	Total.	
			Tls.	cts.
Brought forward.....Tls.	3,260.00	11,900.00	87,366.96	
PUBLIC WORKS—Continued.				
<i>Drainage—</i>				
Chekiang Road from Foochow to Hankow Road... ..	.....	828.67		
Hankow Road from Hupeh to Kwangse Road... ..	.....	870.81		
Subsidiary drains ... ..	.....	1,192.84		
Nanking—From Fuhkien to upper Kwangse Road—Outstanding on 31st December, 1877, since paid	1,850.00	.....	
<i>Fire Wells—</i>				
Junction of Kiangse and Canton Roads— Outstanding on 31st December, 1877, since paid... ..	1,000.00	.....	
<i>Latrines and Urinals—Repairs</i> ... ..	.....	11.14		
<i>Landing Stages—</i>				
New iron Pontoon ... ..	.....	3,418.75		
Repairs ... ..	.....	1,388.98		
<i>Roads—</i>				
Granite chips, sand and broken bricks ... ..	.....	17,488.87		
Granite blocks for curbs and side channels... ..	.....	2,145.90		
Labour—Making and repairing roads ... ..	.....	7,488.12		
Laying curbs and side channels ... ..	.....	902.33		
Laying chip-pavement in native streets ... ..	.....	4,468.53		
Keeping Municipal Council's compound in order... ..	.....	111.79		
Miscellaneous charges ... ..	.....	80.39		
<i>Land for Widening and Improving Roads.</i>				
Nanking Road— <i>m. f. l. h.</i>				
Paid for portion of Lot 4, T.D. 8 ... 0 2 9 5...	8,540.00			
For erecting wall, and building stables... ..	510.00			
Paid for portion of Lot 58a, T.D. 58 0 1 5 4...	655.00			
	.....	4,705.00		
Canton and Szechuen— <i>m. f. l. h.</i>				
Paid for portion of Lots 201, and 201a, T.D. 53 and 94	0 1 7 2...1,000.00			
Paid for portion of Lot 21c, T.D. 253	0 3 3 2...1,328.00			
	.....	2,328.00		
Canton and Keangse—				
Paid for portion of Lot 21a, T.D. 20	50 square ft.			
	.....	80.80		
Carried forward.....Tls.	6,110.00	58,789.52	87,366.96	

MUNICIPAL FINANCE—*Continued.*

REVENUE.	To 31st Dec. 1877.	To 31st Dec. 1878.	TOTAL.
Brought forward.....Tls.	7,226.68	.....	222,445.26
Carried forward.....Tls.	7,226.68	.....	222,445.26

MUNICIPAL FINANCE—Continued.

DISBURSEMENTS.	Incurred by Council 1877.	Incurred 1st Jan. to 31st Dec. 1878.	TOTAL. Tls. cts.
Brought forward.....Tls.	6,110.00	58,780.52	87,866.96
PUBLIC WORKS—Continued.			
Roads—continued—			
Chekiang Road— <i>m. f. l. h.</i>			
Paid for portion of Lots 758 and 759 T.D. 751 and 752 0 9 7 9... 988.79			
Paid for portion of Lot 1,150 T.D. 1,143 ... 0 0 2 5... 25.00			
	.....	1,013.79	
Foochow Road—			
Paid for portion of Lot 1,052, T.D. 1,045 ... 0 1 2 3...1,150.00			
Paid for portion of Lot 26, T.D. 66 0 1 6 2... 567.00			
For removing wall... 180.00			
	.....	1,897.00	
Szechuen Road—			
Paid for portion of Lot 86a, T.D. 49 ... 0 1 6 3... ..			
	.....	489.00	
Canton Road—			
Paid for portion of Lots 14, & 14a, T.D. 83 and 90 0 0 2 0... 120.00			
Paid for portion of Lots 21a & 21c, T.D. 20 and 81. 0 2 7 8...1,112.00			
For re-building wall and Lodge ... 817.61			
	.....	1,549.61	
Hankow and Szechuen Roads—			
Paid for portion of Lot 25a, T.D. 4 0 3 9 2...1,764.00			
Re-building wall and Lodge ... 845.61			
	.....	2,109.61	
Hankow and Honan Road—			
Paid for portion of Lot 57a, T.D. 50 0 8 7 7...1,320.66			
Removing wall and Lodge ... 184.34			
	.....	1,505.00	
Lloyd Road—			
Paid for portion of Lot 1087 ... 0 4 6 8			
	.....	234.00	
Honan and Canton Road—			
Paid for portion of Lots 143 and 80c. 147 square ft.			
Cost of removing Native Hong from Lot 333, so as to admit of a 12 feet road being continued from Nankin to Foochow road.			
	.....	224.00	
Carried forward.....Tls.	6,110.00	67,877.95	87,866.96

MUNICIPAL FINANCE—Continued.

REVENUE.	To 31st Dec. 1877.	To 31st Dec. 1878.	TOTAL.
Brought forward..... Tls.	7,226.68	.....	222,445.26
CEMETERIES.			
New Cemetery—For 45 vaults at Tls. 10 . ...	.....	450.00	562.50
For 50 graves at Tls. 2.25 .....	.....	112.50	
LOCAL POST OFFICE.			
Subscribers for the year... ..	.....	2,588.75	4,511.25
Postage on loose letters for the year ... ..	.....	857.95	
Expresses circulated ... ..	.....	897.75	
Sale of stamps and post-cards ... ..	.....	711.12	
Outstanding on 31st December, 1877, since collected	10.68	.....
Carried forward.....Tls.	7,237.36	.....	227,510.01

MUNICIPAL FINANCE—Continued.



DISBURSEMENTS.	Incurred by Council 1877.	Incurred 1st Jan. to 31st Dec. 1878.	TOTAL. Tls. cts.
Brought forward.....Tls	6,110.00	67,877.95	87,866.96
PUBLIC WORKS—Continued.			
<i>Roads—continued.</i>			
Hankow Road—			
Paid for portion of Lot 1018, T.D. 1006... .. 0 2 9 6...1,184.00			
Re-building wall and gate 196.10	1,880.10	75,868.05
OUTSIDE ROADS.			
Maintenance and repairs	2,328.82	
Making culvert at Bulbhing Well road, junction of Siccawei road, and Repairs to bridges	581.51	
Repairs to bundings...	850.84	
Bundings and raising a portion of the Mark- ham road, (from Mr. Batt's Bungalow to Alpha Farm...	619.45	
Trees—Contract outstanding on 31st Decem- ber, 1877 400.00	400.00		4,260.62
CEMETERIES.			
Pay of Sextoness for all cemeteries and allowance for chair-coolies	287.41	
Pay of Gardeners for care of Cemeteries and Cathedral compound	669.96	
Repairs to all Cemeteries	47.02	
Repairs to Pootung Cemetery	287.65	
Chinese Government ground-rent...	71.05	1,813.09
PUBLIC GARDEN.			
Maintenance of garden (for detail see Garden Committee's report)	578.17	
Cost of trees, plants, seeds, &c.	88.41	
Repairs to Pavilion, painting Greenhouses &c. Awnings, repairs to seats, &c....	148.94	
New Greenhouse	98.64	
	802.18	1,216.34
LOCAL POST OFFICE.			
<i>Pay—</i>			
Postmaster	2000.00	
Assistant	240.00	
Delivery coolies	1,651.00	
Mail bags	29.92	
Fuel and light	55.25	
Newspapers, Printing and Advertising...	207.76	
Agencies at Foochow and Pagoda Anchorage Agency at Swatow, 1877 and 1878	180.00	
Incidental charges	217.05	
	10.08	4,591.01
Carried forward.....Tls.	6,510.00	.....	174,116.07

MUNICIPAL FINANCE—Continued.

REVENUE.	To 31st Dec. 1877.	To 31st Dec. 1878.	Total.
Brought forward.....Tls.	7,337.36	.....	227,519.01
POUND FEES,			
Poundage for cattle found straying ... ..	.....	.....	37.63
Carried forward.....Tls.	7,237.36	.....	227,556.64

MUNICIPAL FINANCE—Continued.

DISBURSEMENTS.	Incurred by Council 1877.	Incurred 1st Jan. to 31st Dec. 1878.	TOTAL. Tls. cts.
Brought forward	Tls. 6,510.00	.....	174,116.07
SECRETARIAT.			
Pay—Foreign—			
Secretary, 10½ months	3,710.00	
Accountant	2,800.00	
Extra pay as Acting Secretary	300.00	
Assistant—Tax office (9 months on half-pay absent)	1,596.66	
Assistant—General office	2,025.00	
Temporary—(during absence on leave of Assistant)	1,750.00	
Assistant—Dues office	1,800.00	
Overseer and Collector of Rates	1,500.00	
Foreign Collectors of native rates and license fees	1,781.66	
Pay—Native—			
Lingist and Assistant	720.00	
Compradore and Assistants	2,925.88	
Chinese Tax-writers	830.87	
Sampan-man employed in the collection of Sampan-tax	96.00	
Godown-man	102.00	
Policeman at Council House	96.00	
Native Servants—			
For Municipal offices	289.07	
Office boy for Dues office at Custom House	16.00	
Costs for numbering Chinese houses	24.00	
Punkah and water coolies	60.21	
			21,102.85
GENERAL CHARGES.			
Fuel and light for all offices, stables and godown	118.75	
Insurance on Municipal buildings	112.38	
Legal expenses	1,497.32	
Ambulance	500.00	
Stationery, Printing, Newspapers and Advertising	1,863.73	
Postages	41.33	
House numbers and license cards	400.28	
Incidental Charges	167.61	
			4,733.40
STUD.			
Animals for public works	2,982.53	
removing garbage, &c.	4,552.89	
Surveyor, Superintendent and In- spectors of Police, Inspector of Nuisances, Collector and Overseer of rates	886.00	
Invoice of neat-foot oil	86.01	
Oil for carts, wheelbarrows, &c.	75.90	
			8,533.33
Carried forward	Tls. 6,510.00	.....	208,485.65

MUNICIPAL FINANCE—Continued.

REVENUE.	To 31st Dec. 1877.	To 31st Dec. 1878.	Total.
Brought forward.....Tls.	7,237.36	.....	227,556.64
MUNICIPAL LOAN OF 1878.			
240 Debentures issued at Taels 100 each ... ..	.....	.....	24,000.00
MUNICIPAL STOCK & STORES.			
Miscellaneous—Sale of drain pipes, coals, con- demned stores, etc. ... ..	.....	.....	2,168.23
LAND AND BUILDINGS.			
Rent of Lock Hospital ... ..	.....	.....	64.08
INTEREST.			
On 15,000 Municipal Debentures forming "Special Deposit" Account ... ..	.....	1,200.00	3,559.75
Premium on 240 Debentures, Loan of 1878 ... ..	.....	2,359.75	
SINKING FUND.			
Interest on balance ... ..	.....	.....	628.86
Carried forward.....Tls.	7,237.36	.....	257,977.56

MUNICIPAL FINANCE.—Continued.

DISBURSEMENTS.	Incurred by Council 1877.	Incurred 1st Jan. to 31st Dec. 1878.	TOTAL Tls. cts.
Brought forward.....Tls.	6,510.00	.....	208,485.65
FIRE DEPARTMENT.			
Contribution (vide report of Fire Commission) ..	.....	.....	2,850.00
VOLUNTEER CORPS.			
Band expenses ... ..	.....	767.42	
Pay of Armourer, coolie and markers at Butts...	.....	853.23	
Insurance on Arms ... ..	.....	36.72	
Chinese Government Ground tax ... ..	.....	21.41	
Subscription to National Rifle Association, Lon- don ... ..	.....	39.07	
Repairs to Butts and Targets ... ..	.....	158.65	
Incidental Charges ... ..	.....	121.64	
Advertising and Stationery ... ..	.....	111.76	
			2,109.90
MUNICIPAL STOCK & STORES ACCOUNT.			
Public Works—Purchase of, and repairs to, plant	.....	1,236.58	
Sanitary Nuisance " " " " "	.....	1,585.58	
Purchase of harness and repairs to traps ... ..	.....	751.18	
Furniture and gas fittings for Offices and Police Stations ... ..	.....	119.06	
Street Lamps, repairs, &c. ... ..	.....	87.09	
Volunteer Stock ... ..	.....	2,070.82	
Coals for use of Departments ... ..	.....	725.00	
Drain Pipes ... ..	.....	4,491.49	
Miscellaneous ... ..	.....	185.14	
			11,251.94
TELEGRAPH LINES.			
Maintenance of all lines by contract ... ..	.....	1,500.00	
Repairs and alterations ... ..	.....	32.90	
			1,532.90
INTEREST.			
On Debentures ... ..	.....	7,640.80	
" Police Gratuity Fund ... ..	.....	700.87	
" Savings Bank ... ..	.....	19.08	
" Daily balance at Bank ... ..	.....	17.78	
			8,378.48
SINKING FUND.			
Amount deposited at Hongkong and Shanghai Bank—1 year from 31st March, 1878, to 30th March, 1879, @ 5 per cent per annum ... ..	.....	3,000.00	
Interest on Fund from September, 1877, to September, 1878 ... ..	.....	628.86	
			3,628.86
Carried forward ... ..Tls.	6,510.00	.....	238,267.73

MUNICIPAL FINANCE—Continued.

REVENUE.	To 31st Dec. 1877.	To 31st Dec. 1878.	Total.
Brought forward Tls.	7,237.36	.....	257,977.56
TELEGRAPH LINES.			
Paid by owners of private lines for use of Council's poles . . . . .	.....	.....	500.00
OUTSTANDING ACCOUNTS, 1877.			
On closing accounts, 31st December, 1877, rates, dues, &c. outstanding at that date were estimated ...	7,237.36		
They have amounted to	9,546.29		
Surplus earned to revenue for current year. .	.....	2,308.93	
The outstanding bills, &c., on 31st December, 1877, were estimated and placed to the expenditure of that year... ..	7,860.00		
Of this has been expended during the year	6,572.83		
This saving credited to the year ... ..	.....	787.17	
		3,096.10	
OUTSTANDING ACCOUNTS, 1876.			
For extension of the Seward Road, written off, owing to the uncertainty of getting this improvement effected ... ..	.....	614.00	
OUTSTANDING ACCOUNTS, 1875.			
For extension of Markham Road, written off, owing to the uncertainty of getting this improvement effected ... ..	.....	1,867.61	
		5,577.71	
	7,237.36		264,055.27
From which deduct outstandings 1877			7,237.36
Showing TOTAL RECEIPTS for out-going Council's term of office ...			256,817.91
SURPLUS 1877			11,812.07
		Tls.	268,629.98
Depreciation on Property and Stores		Tls.	100,000.00

P. G. HÜBBE,
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Members of Finance, Rate, and Appeal Committee.

MUNICIPAL FINANCE—Continued.

DISBURSEMENTS.	Incurred by Council 1877.	Incurred 1st Jan. to 31st Dec. 1878.	Total. Tls. cis.
Brought forward.....Tls.	6,510.00	....	238,237.73
LAND AND BUILDINGS.			
<i>m. f. l. h.</i>			
8 18 3 of Land from Lot 365, T.D. 358—Site for Hongkew Police Station .....	.....	5,000.00	
Cost of raising the land .....	.....	177.90	
Paid on account of contract for building Police Station, cells, &c. ....	.....	6,000.00	
Balance of contract outstanding, 31st December, 1878 .....	.....	13,412.00	
Building a shed for storing tools, &c. ....	.....	100.00	
Enlarging Powder Magazine.....	.....	200.17	
Building new Black smith's shop on land adjoining Central Police Station, and cost of in- ternal fittings .....	.....	995.29	25,885.36
MUNICIPAL LOAN OF JUNE, 1878.			
100 Debentures redeemed .....	.....	.....	10,000.00
SHANGHAI MUSEUM.			
Contribution .....	.....	.....	250.00
TAX SUSPENSE.			
Amounts considered irrecoverable, written off ..	.....	.....	154.40
CONTINGENCIES.			
Gratuity to widow of late Tax-Collector .....	.....	500.00	
Contribution to Wind Instrument Society .....	.....	72.50	572.50
	6,510.00		275,099.99
Deduct outstandings, 1877			6,510.00
Showing EXPENDITURE for out-going Council's term of office			268,589.99
SURPLUS of Income over Expenditure			39.99
		Tls.	268,629.98
General Balance—Depreciation on Property and Stores, written off ..		Tls.	10,000.00

Audited and found correct,

P. MACLEAN,
Auditor.

No. 2.

DEPOSIT ACCOUNTS.

POLICE REWARD FUND.

Balance on hand 31st December, 1877	Tls. 2,623.84	Newspapers for the force, &c.	Tls. 86.59
Fines and sales of unclaimed property	201.00	Balance on 31st December, 1878	2,741.25
	<u>Tls. 2,827.84</u>		<u>Tls. 2,827.84</u>

POLICE GRATUITY FUND.

Balance on hand, 31st December, 1877... ..	Tls. 14,008.29	Grants made to members on leaving the force ...	Tls. 2,632.00
Gratuity from police pay	1,878.76	Balance on 31st December, 1878	18,955.92
Interest on fund at 5 per cent. per annum	700.87		<u>Tls. 16,587.92</u>
	<u>Tls. 16,587.92</u>		

POLICE SAVING'S BANK.

Balance on hand, 31st December, 1877	Tls. 151.10	Balance on 31st December 1878	Tls. 470.18
Deposited by members of the force	800.00		
Interest on fund at 8 per cent. per annum	19.08		
	<u>Tls. 470.18</u>		<u>Tls. 470.18</u>

POLICE PASSAGE FUND.

Balance on hand, 31st December, 1877	Tls. 2,236.36	For passages of time-expired members of the Police Force	Tls. 750.00
Transferred from Police charges, for men entitled to passages	600.00	Balance on hand 31st December, 1878	2,086.36
	<u>Tls. 2,836.36</u>		<u>Tls. 2,836.36</u>

FOREIGN LIQUOR SELLERS.

Balance on hand, 31st December, 1877	Tls.	315.93	Withdrawn by Foreigners closing taverns	Tls.	233.50
Deposited by Foreigners opening taverns	"	233.50	Balance on hand, 31st December, 1878	"	315.93
	Tls.	<u>549.43</u>		Tls.	<u>549.43</u>

NATIVE LIQUOR SELLERS.

Balance on hand, 31st December, 1877	Tls.	367.46	Withdrawn by Chinese closing houses of business...Tls.	43.50
			Balance on hand, 31st December, 1878	323.97
	Tls.	<u>367.46</u>		<u>Tls. 367.46</u>

NATIVE LIVERY STABLE-KEEPERS.

Balance on hand, 31st December, 1877... ..	Tls.	254.68	Withdrawn by Chinese closing stables	Tls.	126.74
Deposited by Chinese opening stables	"	54.14	Balance on hand, 31st December, 1878	"	182.03
	Tls.	<u>308.77</u>		Tls.	<u>308.77</u>

FOREIGN LIVERY STABLE-KEEPERS.

Balance on hand, 31st December, 1877... ..	Tls.	19.98			
Deposited by Foreigners opening livery stables	"	18.15	Balance on hand, 31st December, 1878	Tls.	38.13
	Tls.	<u>38.13</u>		Tls.	<u>38.13</u>

LOCAL POST OFFICE DELIVERY COOLIES' SECURITY.

Balance on hand, 31st December, 1877... ..	Tls.	85.16	Withdrawn	Tls.	11.63
Deposited	"	11.62	Balance on hand, 31st December, 1878	"	85.15
	Tls.	<u>96.78</u>		Tls.	<u>96.78</u>

LOCAL POST OFFICE COOLIES' FINE FUND.

Balance on hand, 31st December, 1877... ..Tls.	2.60	Amount distributed ... ..Tls.	2.60
Amount of fines	1.45	Balance on hand, 31st December, 1878	1.45
	<u>Tls. 4.05</u>		<u>Tls. 4.05</u>

LOCAL POST OFFICE NON-SUBSCRIBERS' DEPOSIT.

Balance on hand, 31st December, 1877... ..Tls.	163.67	Transferred to Non-subscribers' postage accounts...Tls.	479.86
Deposited by Non-subscribers... ..	453.94	Balance on hand, 31st December, 1878	138.25
	<u>Tls. 617.61</u>		<u>Tls. 617.61</u>

SHANGHAI VOLUNTEER PRIZE FUND.

Balance on hand, 31st December, 1877... ..Tls.	32.29	Payments ... ..Tls.	32.29
Collected for prizes	37.60	Balance on hand, 31st December, 1878	37.60
	<u>Tls. 69.89</u>		<u>Tls. 69.89</u>

TREE CONTRACTOR.

Balance on hand, 31st December, 1877... ..Tls.	36.50	—Balance on hand, 31st December, 1878... ..Tls.	36.50
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Examined and found correct.

P. MACLEAN.
Auditor.

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Members of Finance, Rate and Appeal Committee.

No. 3

LAND, BUILDINGS AND PROPERTY ACCOUNT.

Balance as per last Report (vide page 101) Tls. 171,872.95

Land and Buildings.

Hongkew Police Station—cost of land and raising	5,177.90	
Cost of building	19,412.00	
		<hr/> 24,589.90
Enlarging Powder Magazine	200.17	
Building Black-smith's Shop	995.29	
„ Shed for storing road implements.	100.00	
		<hr/> 25,885.36

Plant, Stores and Rolling Stock.

Plant for Public Works	1,286.58	
„ „ Nuisance Branch... ..	1,585.58	
Furniture and gas fittings	119.06	
Coals and Miscellaneous Stores	5,401.68	
Purchase of harness, repairs to traps, &c ...	751.18	
Street Lamps	87.09	
		<hr/> 9,181.12

Shanghai Volunteer Corps.

Cartridges	2,070.82	
		<hr/> 11,251.94
		<hr/> 87,187.90

Deduct—

Sale of condemned Stock, Drain Pipes, &c.	2,168.28	
Rent of Lock Hospital	64.08	
		<hr/> 2,232.81
		<hr/> 84,904.99
		<hr/> Tls. 206,277.94
Depreciation written off		10,000.00
		<hr/> Tls. 196,277.94

Audited and found correct.

P. MACLEAN.

Auditor.

SUMMARY OF

December

OUTSTANDING CONTRACT.

Balance of contract for building Hongkew Police Station... ... 18,412.00

Tls. 18,412.00

Audited and found correct.

P. MACLEAN.

Auditor.

OUTSTANDING ACCOUNTS.

31st, 1878.

 RATES AND TAXES.
Dues on Merchandize.

Dues for October and November, outstanding and considered good	172.20
„ „ December	5,000.00
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Tls.	5,172.20

GENERAL STATEMENT OF

From 1st January, 1878,

RECEIPTS.

DETAILED STATEMENT ANNEXED.

1st January, 1878—Cash Balance as per last Report, (page 106)	2,482.69
Receipts to 31st December, 1878	264,055.27
Less—Outstanding Taxes on that date... ..	5,172.20
	<hr/> 258,883.07
Receipts on Deposit Accounts	4,518.11
Tax Suspense Account—Sundry Accounts transferred	198.66
Special deposit transferred	5,000.00

Tels 271,022.53

I have examined the Books and Vouchers of the Municipality, and certify that the foregoing statements are in accordance therewith.

P. MACLEAN.

Auditor.

RECEIPTS & EXPENDITURE.

to 31st December, 1878.

EXPENDITURE.

DETAILED STATEMENT ANNEXED.

Expenditure to 31st December, 1878	...	...	...	...	275,099.99	
Less Outstanding Contracts, &c.	...	...	...	...	18,412.00	
						261,687.99
Payments on Deposit Accounts	...	...	...	...		4,398.30
Outstanding Accounts 1875—Amount transferred	...				1,867.61	
" " 1876	"	"	...		614.00	
" " 1877	"	"	...		850.00	
						8,881.61
Cash Balance, viz:—						
At Hongkong & Shanghai Bank		624.15	
In hands of Compradore		980.48	
						1,604.63
					Taels	271,022.53

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BALANCE

December

ASSETS.

LAND, BUILDINGS AND PROPERTY, ACCOUNT (vide page 101).	196,277.94
RATES AND TAXES DUE (vide page 103)	5,172.20
SPECIAL DEPOSIT ACCOUNT	15,000.00
SINKING FUND... ..	14,596.36
TAX SUSPENSE ACCOUNT	2,145.98
CASH IN HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANK	624.15
Do. IN COMPRADORE'S HANDS	980.48

 Tls. 294,797.11

I have examined the Books and Vouchers of the Municipality, and certify that the foregoing statements are in accordance therewith.

P. MACLEAN,
Auditor.

SHEET.

31st, 1878.

LIABILITIES.

MUNICIPAL LOAN OF 1872 (Balance)	28,700.00	
" " " 1873 "	11,000.00	
" " " 1875 "	42,800.00	
" " " 1878 "	24,000.00	
		106,500.00
UNPAID BILLS (vide page 102)... ..		18,412.00
DEPOSIT ACCOUNTS as under, viz:—		
Police Reward Fund	2,741.25	
Police Gratuity Fund	18,955.92	
Police Savings Bank	470.18	
Police Passage Fund	2,086.86	
Foreign Liquor Sellers	815.93	
Native Liquor Sellers	828.87	
Foreign Livery Stable Keepers	88.13	
Native Livery Stable Keepers... ..	182.08	
Local Post Office Delivery Coolies... ..	85.15	
Local Post Office Non-subscribers' Deposit	138.25	
Local Post Office Coolies Fine Fund	1.45	
Shanghai Volunteer Prize Fund	97.60	
Tree Contractor's Security	86.50	
		20,412.62
		140,324.62
GENERAL BALANCE		91,472.49
		<u>Tls. 234,797.11</u>

P. G. HÜBBE

E. H. LAVERS.

Members of Finance, Rate and Appeal Committee.

STATEMENT COMPARING THE ACTUAL RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURE FOR 1876.

RECEIPTS.	Balance per Gen- eral Led- ger, 31-1 Dec. 1875.	Deduct Receipts 1877 Account.	Showing Actual Re- ceipts on Budget to 31st Dec 1876.	Original Estimate	Increase.	Decrease.
	Tls. cts.	Tls. cts.	Tls. cts.	Tls. cts.	Tls. cts.	Tls. cts.
Land Tax.. .. .	20,475.70	323.98	20,151.52	20,180.00	..	28.48
General Municipal Rate— <i>Foreign</i>	26,361.36	13.50	26,349.86	27,000.00	..	650.14
— <i>Native</i>	5,431.52	..	50,851.52	52,000.00	..	1,148.48
Dues on Merchandise	53,450.78	6,890.20	76,561.58	80,000.00	..	3,438.42
Foreign Liquor Sellers License	1,733.00	..	1,793.00	1,800.00	..	7.00
Billiard and Bowling Saloons.. .. .	260.00	..	260.00	250.00	10.00	..
Native Sellers of Foreign Liquor	1,388.16	..	1,388.16	1,500.00	..	111.84
Samsans	965.76	..	965.76	1,000.00	..	34.24
Paw-shops	2,008.88	..	3,038.88	2,500.00	538.88	..
Optum-shops	11,700.12	..	11,700.12	12,000.00	..	293.88
Wine-shops	4,306.22	..	4,306.22	5,000.00	..	1,693.78
Wine-shops	1,475.72	..	1,475.72	1,500.00	..	24.28
Jin-rik-shas	6,707.98	..	6,707.98	6,000.00	707.98	..
Foreign and Native Cargo Boat License	4,912.10	..	4,912.10	4,800.00	112.10	..
" " Livery Stables	1,070.04	..	1,070.04	1,420.00	250.00	..
" " Theatres	606.72	..	503.22	500.00	6.22	..
Telegraph Fees	500.00	..	500.00	500.00	..	..
Permit Fees for opening roads to construct or repair drains, and erecting sunshades	287.16	..	287.16	300.00	..	12.84
Poundage	37.83	..	37.83	..	37.83	..
Lock Hospital (one half)	358.40	..	358.40	375.00	..	16.60
Night Soil	1,790.26	..	1,789.26	1,700.00	90.26	..
Cemetery Fees	562.40	..	562.50	550.00	22.50	..
Local Post Office	4,511.25	10.68	4,500.57	4,500.00	57	..
Interest	3,559.78	..	3,559.78	1,400.00	2,159.78	..
Shaking Fund	628.86	..	628.86	630.00	..	1.14
Municipal Stock and Stores	2,148.23	..	2,148.23	1,900.00	1,188.23	..
Land and Buildings	64.08	..	64.08	..	64.08	..
Municipal Loan of 1875, 240 Debentures	24,000.00	..	24,000.00	..	24,000.00	..
Outstanding Accounts 1875, 1876, 1877	5,677.71	..	5,677.71	..	5,677.71	..
Surplus, 1877	264,065.27	..	254,817.91	228,705.00	34,954.03	6,841.12
Tls.	11,812.07	..	11,812.07	11,812.07	..	..
Depreciation on Municipal Stock and Stores and Buildings	275,867.34	7,237.36	268,629.98	240,517.07	..	..
Tls.	10,000.00	..	10,000.00	10,000.00	..	..
Tls.	285,867.34	7,237.36	278,629.98	250,517.07	34,954.03	6,841.12

WITH THE ORIGINAL ESTIMATE (AS PER BUDGET) FOR THE SAME PERIOD.

EXPENDITURE.	Disbursements per General Ledger.	Deduct Disbursements on 1877 Account.	Actual Expenditure on Budget to 31st Dec 1878.	Estimate 1878.	Increase.	Decrease.
	Tls. cts.	Tls. cts.	Tls. cts.	Tls. cts.	Tls. cts.	Tls. cts.
Tollage—Pay	35,423.72	..	35,423.72	37,340.00	..	1,916.28
<i>(Clothing, Rent, Insurance, Medicines and Incidental Expenses)</i>	10,609.96	..	10,609.96	1,0340.50	269.46	..
Relief of Poor	295.45	..	295.45	300.00	..	4.55
SANITARY—						
<i>Foreign and Native Hospitals</i>	3,000.00	..	3,000.00	3,000.00	..	..
<i>Lack Hospital (one half)</i>	945.94	..	945.94	1,000.00	..	54.06
<i>Medical Branch</i>	1,250.00	..	1,250.00	1,300.00	..	50.00
<i>Nuisance and Market Branch</i>	12,330.78	..	12,330.78	15,000.00	..	1,669.22
<i>Melting</i>	14,250.51	..	14,250.51	15,100.00	..	844.49
SURVEYORS OFFICE—						
<i>Salaries</i>	7,469.22	..	7,469.22	7,800.00	..	330.78
<i>Rent of Ground for Storing road materials &c.</i>	360.00	..	360.00	360.00	..	..
<i>Insurance, Newspapers, Fuel, Light, and Office Necessaries</i>	426.38	..	426.38	265.00	161.38	..
PUBLIC WORKS—						
<i>Bridges</i>	3,326.91	..	3,326.91	4,000.00	..	1,273.09
<i>Railways</i>	877.06	..	877.06	1,000.00	..	622.94
<i>Buildings</i>	9,456.03	1,761.00	7,695.03	6,770.00	946.03	..
<i>Creeks</i>	1,500.00	1,500.00	..	1,800.00	..	1,800.00
<i>Drainage</i>	4,241.82	1,850.00	2,391.82	3,000.00	..	608.18
<i>Fur Wells</i>	1,000.00	1,000.00	..	200.00	..	2,000.00
<i>Landing Stages</i>	4,807.78	..	4,807.78	4,500.00	307.78	..
<i>Roads</i>	50,147.36	..	50,147.36	29,500.00	10,647.36	..
<i>Latrines</i>	11.14	..	11.14	..	..	..
<i>Outs to Roads</i>	4,260.62	400.00	3,860.62	3,000.00	860.62	..
<i>Public Gardens</i>	1,216.34	..	1,216.34	1,000.00	216.34	..
<i>Cemeteries and Cathedral Compound</i>	1,313.09	..	1,313.09	1,100.00	213.09	..
<i>Loos Post Office</i>	4,591.01	..	4,591.01	4,890.00	..	68.99
SECRETARIAT—						
<i>Salaries including collection of taxes</i>	21,102.85	..	21,102.85	20,241.00	781.85	..
GENERAL CHARGES—						
<i>Amul Fee</i>	500.00	..	500.00	500.00	..	..
<i>Fuel and Light</i>	148.75	..	148.75	300.00	..	51.25
<i>House, Water borrow, Cargo Boat, Sampans, and Carriage Numbers</i>	400.28	..	400.28	300.00	100.28	..
<i>Insurance</i>	112.38	..	112.38	292.50	..	180.12
<i>Law Expenses</i>	1,499.32	..	1,499.32	1,500.00	..	.68
<i>Printing, Stationery, Printing and Advertising</i>	1,905.06	..	1,905.06	2,100.00	..	194.94
<i>Miscellaneous Charges</i>	167.61	..	167.61	180.00	..	17.61
STUD—Animal Labour	8,533.33	..	8,533.33	9,900.00	..	1,366.67
FIRE Department	2,850.00	..	2,850.00	2,900.00	50.00	..
Volunteer Corps	2,109.90	..	2,109.90	2,000.00	109.90	..
Interest	8,378.48	..	8,378.48	9,112.00	..	733.52
Stocking Fund	3,124.86	..	3,124.86	3,600.00	..	1.14
Municipal Stock and Stores	11,211.94	..	11,211.94	8,905.00	2,946.94	..
<i>(Debentures redeemed, Loan of 1878)</i>	10,000.00	..	10,000.00	10,000.00	..	..
Land and Buildings	25,885.36	..	25,885.36	700.00	25,185.36	..
Tea and Coffee	1,532.94	..	1,532.94	1,700.00	..	167.10
Shops and Museum	250.00	..	250.00	250.00	..	..
Tax	154.40	..	154.40	..	154.40	..
Contingencies	572.50	..	572.50	3,889.07	..	2,810.57
	275,099.99	6,510.00	268,589.99	279,968.07	43,759.49	18,187.07
Imprecation, as per Contra	14,000.00	..	10,000.00	10,000.00	..	..
Tls. 283,099.99	6,510.00	278,589.99	249,968.07	43,759.49	18,187.07	

MUNICIPAL BUDGET.

ESTIMATE

FOR THE

YEAR COMMENCED 1st JANUARY, 1879,

AND

ENDING 31st DECEMBER, 1879,

WITH

REMARKS

BY THE COUNCIL FOR THE FOREIGN COMMUNITY
OF SHANGHAI OF 1878.

SHANGHAI:

FAR-EAST PRINTING & PUBLISHING Co., 13A, FOOCHOW ROAD.

1879.

ESTIMATE.

FOR THE MUNICIPAL YEAR

From 1st January, 1879, to 31st December, 1879,

WITH REMARKS BY THE
COUNCIL FOR 1878.

*To be taken in connection with the General Report for the Year ending
31st December, 1878.*

The Council for 1878 beg to submit to the Ratepayers their estimates of Municipal Income and Expenditure for the year ending 31st December, 1879, which call for few remarks.

The Income is estimated at Tls. 234,715.99, in which is included the sum of Tls. 10,000 which the Council recommend should be withdrawn from the Sinking Fund and applied towards paying off the Municipal Loan of 1872.

The Council recommend that the same Rates, Dues, and Taxes as were levied during last year, be maintained:—

On Land, $\frac{3}{10}$ of one per cent. per annum on the assessed value.

On Houses occupied by Foreigners, 6 per cent. per annum on the assessment, and

On Houses occupied by Natives, 8 per cent. per annum on the actual rental paid.

Dues on Merchandize.—That the present tariff be continued.

License Fees.—That the present scale be maintained, except on Carriages and Jin-rik-shas, which they recommend should be raised. On 2-wheeled Carriages at Livery stables from \$0.25 @ \$0.75 p Month.

4	do.	do.	0.50 @	1.25	„
2	do.	plying for hire in streets	0.75 @	1.50	„
4	do.	do.	1.50 @	2.50	„

Jin-rik-shas 0.50 @ 1.00 „

And that a license fee of 1.00 „

be charged on Native Water Carts, of which there are about 45 in the Settlement, and which do considerable injury to the roads.

They suggest that the Ratepayers authorize the incoming Council to collect as under :—

Land Tax.—Half-yearly in advance, on and after the 1st days of January and June respectively.

General Municipal Rate—Foreign.—Quarterly in advance, on and after the 1st days of January, April, July, and October respectively.

General Municipal Rate—Native.—Monthly or quarterly, as may appear advisable, in advance, on and after the 1st January.

Dues on Merchandize.—Monthly.

All such rates and dues being payable at the time specified, and to be paid within fourteen days of demand for payment.

License Fees.—From every house of Public Entertainment, Billiard, or Bowling Saloon, or Shop, or Store for the sale of Wines, Beer, Spirits, Intoxicating Drugs, Butcher's Meat, Poultry or Game, Slaughter House or Livery Stable, Opium-Shop, Pawn-Shop, Boat or Public Vehicle, plying, let or used for hire within the limits of the Settlement, monthly or quarterly as may appear advisable—always in advance.

From every Music Hall, Theatre, Circus, or Dancing Saloon—Nightly in advance.

Telegraph or Telephone Fees—At the rate of Tls. 100 per line per annum, in advance.

Cemetery Fees and subscriptions to *Local Post Office*, in advance.

Fees for Permits to use sunshades over public thoroughfares—At time of making application for permit.

Fees for Permit to open roads for the purpose of constructing or repairing connections with Municipal Drains—At time of making application for permit.

The Sale of Night-Soil to the best advantage.

EXPENDITURE.

The sum recommended is Taels 234,715.99, being a decrease on last year's Budget of Taels 5,351.08. After providing for the Policing, Seavengering and Lighting of the Settlement, for the Stud, support of the Volunteer Corps, interest on Debentures, and purchase of additional Rolling Stock, Sinking Fund, Local Post Office, and the usual expenses of administration, there remains a sum of Taels 85,603.99. Of this it is proposed to devote :—

To Public improvements, maintenance of and repairs to existing roads and public properties	Taels 57,406.00
To Hospitals.....	„ 4,500.00
To Fire Department.....	„ 3,000.00
For redemption of 200 Debentures.....	„ 20,000.00
For Shanghai Museum	„ 250.00
For Contingencies	„ 447.99
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	Taels 85,603.99

PROSPECTIVE WORKS.

Widening where possible the main thoroughfares of the Settlement.
New Roads.

MUNICIPAL

Estimate for the year 1st January

Income.

LAND TAX.		Tls.	cts.	Tls.	cts.
FOREIGN—At 3/10th of 1 per cent. on Tls. 6,715,686, being Tls. 6,943,466 total assessed value of land.					
Less	227,780	"	"	"	"
" " " " " " property occupied by Hospitals, Churches, Cemeteries, and Municipal Properties.					
Tls. 6,715,686	...	...	...	20,147.00	
GENERAL MUNICIPAL RATE.					
FOREIGN.—At 6 per cent. on assessed rentals of rateable Houses. Tls. 515,245 30,914.00					
Allow for houses unoccupied during the year 4,314.00					
Estimated to be received				26,600.00	
NATIVE—At 8 per cent. on \$997,000 (total assessed rentals at 31st December, 1878, of Chinese Houses) \$79,760 at exchange 73 Tls. ... 58,225.00					
Allow for houses unoccupied during the year... .. 7,725.00					
Estimated to be received... ..				50,500.00	
DUES ON MERCHANDIZE.					
Estimated to be received from the Public 65,000					
From the Taotai, \$14,000, say... .. 10,200					
Carried forward.....				75,200.00	
				172,447.00	

BUDGET.

to 31st December, 1879.

Expenditure.

POLICE FORCE.						Tls.	cts.	Tls.	cts.
<i>Pay.—Foreigners.</i>									
1	Superintendent...	...	...	...	...	3,600.00			
3	Inspectors ...	...	...	...	...	6,120.00			
9	Sergeants ...	...	...	...	...	6,480.00			
20	Constables ...	...	...	...	...	10,500.00			
							26,700.00		
33 Foreigners.									
<i>Natives.</i>									
8	Sergeants ...	...	...	...	...	960.00			
8	Detectives ...	...	...	...	...	1,608.00			
124	Constables ...	...	...	...	...	11,592.00			
							14,160.00		
140 Natives									
173							40,860.00		
<i>Deduct for men employed on special service...</i>						2,860.00		38,000.00	
<i>Medical Aid.</i>									
Medicines ...						300.00			
Hospital Charges ...						290.00		500.00	
<i>Rent.</i>									
Hongkew Station (7 months) ...						875.00			
" Constables quarters (7 months) ...						50.00			
Louza Station ...						335.00		1,260.00	
<i>Insurance.</i>									
On Central Station ...						187.50			
On Hongkew Station ...						127.00		314.50	
<i>Passages.</i>									
For 2 men entitled to passages home, at Tls. 150 each...								450.00	
" 1 man that may be invalided ...									
<i>Carried forward.....</i>								40,524.50	

MUNICIPAL BUDGET—Continued.

INCOME.

	Tls.	cts.	Tls.	cts.
<i>Brought forward.....</i>		172,447.00	
LICENSE FEES.				
FOREIGN AND NATIVE..				
FOREIGN.—				
From every Wine and Spirit Shop or Store, and from every Beer Store, and every House of Entertainment, from \$120 a \$200 annually	1,800.00	
<i>Billiard and Bowling Saloon</i> , for every night open—computed at the rate of \$3 per quarter	250.00	
<i>each Billiard table or Bowling Alley</i>	500.00	
<i>Telegraph and Telephone Fees</i>		
NATIVE.—				
From every Shop or Store selling Foreign Wine, Spirits or Beer at \$30 each per quarter...	1,300.00	
Water-carts	380.00	
Opium-Houses	11,800.00	
Pawn-Shops...	2,500.00	
Wine-Shops...	1,400.00	
Sampons	950.00	
Jin-rik-shas	8,600.00	
Wheelbarrows	4,000.00	
FOREIGN AND NATIVE—				
Cargo Boats...	4,800.00	
Livery Stables	2,500.00	
Theatres	500.00	
			41,280.00	
SANITARY BRANCH.				
Night-Soil, Sale of	2,050.00	
Lock Hospital Fees	450.00	
<i>Carried forward.....</i>		216,227.00	

MUNICIPAL BUDGET—Continued.

EXPENDITURE.

	Tls.	cts.	Tls.	cts.
<i>Brought forward.....</i>	.....		40,524.50	
<i>Clothing.</i>				
For the whole force ... ..	.....		3,000.00	
<i>Funeral Expenses.</i>				
Provision for ... ..	.....		100.00	
<i>Pay—Native.</i>				
Coolies and messengers at all stations	530.00			
Punkah coolies	100.00			
			680.00	
<i>Prisoners' Food ... ..</i>	.....		1,250.00	
<i>Fuel and Light ... ..</i>	.....		1,800.00	
<i>Coolie hire, for carrying sick and drunken men, sampan hire &c.</i>	.....		100.00	
<i>Printing, Advertising, Newspapers, Stationery ... ..</i>	.....		100.00	
<i>Miscellaneous charges ... ..</i>	.....		150.00	
			47,654.50	
<i>Relief of Poor.</i>				
For Foreign and Native poor ... ..	.....		300.00	
SANITARY.				
FOREIGN AND NATIVE HOSPITALS.				
General Hospital	2,000.00			
Hospitals for Chinese... ..	1,000.00			
Lock Hospital	1,500.00			
			4,500.00	
MEDICAL BRANCH.				
Pay of Officer of Health	500.00			
„ Municipal Surgeon	750.00			
Medical attendance for casualties in Hongkew	50.00			
			1,300.00	
NUISANCE BRANCH.				
<i>Pay—Foreign.</i>				
Inspector of Nuisances, Markets and Livery Stables ...	2,100.00			
8 Assistants... ..	1,320.00			
<i>Native.</i>				
Overseer	95.00			
<i>Carried forward.....</i>	3,516.00		53,754.50	

MUNICIPAL BUDGET—Continued.

INCOME.

	Tls.	cts.	Tls.	cts.
<i>Brought forward.....</i>			216,227.00.

<i>Carried forward.....</i>			216,227.00
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MUNICIPAL BUDGET—*Continued.*

EXPENDITURE.

		Tls.	cts.	Tls.	cts.
<i>Brought forward</i>		3,516.00		53,754.50	
<i>Labour.</i>					
For removing night-soil and garbage, and sweeping streets.		3,250.00			
Watchmen to prevent nuisances		300.00			
Weeding Roads		300.00			
Cleaning Sinks		1,000.00			
Watering the Roads of the Settlement and Bubbling Well Road		4,500.00			
Disinfectants		350.00			
				13,216.00	
<i>LIGHTING.</i>					
The Settlement and Bubbling Well Road					
Cost of painting lamp pillars				15,000.00	
<i>SURVEYOR'S OFFICE.</i>					
<i>Pay—Foreign Staff.</i>					
Surveyor (9 months on leave of absence)		2,250.00			
Acting Surveyor (9 months)		1,800.00			
Clerk		600.00			
2 Overseers		1,740.00			
		6,890.00			
<i>Native Staff.</i>					
Writer and Linguist	720.00				
Tracer	330.00				
Interpreter and Head-Foreman	210.00				
Carpenter	144.00				
Office-boy	84.00				
		1,488.00			
<i>Rent.</i>					
For Storing road materials	150.00				
„ „ Tools, &c., in Hongkew	180.00				
		330.00			
<i>Insurance.</i>					
On Furniture, instruments, plans, &c., in Surveyor's office		20.00			
<i>Fuel and Light</i>					
Stationery, Newspapers, and Office Necessaries		75.00			
		200.00			
				8,503.00	
<i>Carried forward</i>				90,473.50	

MUNICIPAL BUDGET—Continued.

EXPENDITURE.

	Tls.	cts.	Tls.	cts.
<i>Brought forward</i>.....	..	...	90,473	50
PUBLIC WORKS.				
<i>Repairs.</i>				
General repairs	1,000	00		
<i>Buildings.</i>				
General repairs (including Bell-tower)	1,000	00		
<i>Bundings.</i>				
Repairs to Hongkew Creek, from North Yangtze to near "Endicott's Garden"	4,000	00		
Repairs	500	00	4,500	00
<i>Drainage.</i>				
Cheong road, from Hankow to Kuang road	400	00		
Honan road, between Pekin road and the creek	900	00		
Pekin road, from Keangse to Upper Yuen- ming-Yuen road... ..	960	00		
Subsidiary drains	1,000	00	8,260	00
<i>Fire Wells.</i>				
At Hongkew	1,000	00		
Repairs	500	00	1,500	00
<i>Landing Stages.</i>				
2 New iron Pontoons	7,000			
General repairs	2,000		9,000	00
<i>Roads.</i>				
Road materials	14,000			
Curbs and side-channels	8,000			
Chip pavement for native streets	8,000			
Labour	7,000			
Purchase of land for widening roads, and rounding street corners... ..	2,000		29,000	00
				49,260
<i>Telegraph Lines.</i>				
Maintenance of all lines by contract	1,500	00		
Repairs	200	00		
				1,700
<i>Carried forward</i>			141,483	50

MUNICIPAL BUDGET—*Continued*
INCOME.

	Tls.	cts.	Tls.	cts.
<i>Brought forward</i>			216,227.00	
CEMETERIES.				
For Graves and Vaults			450.00	
<i>Carried forward</i>			216,677.00	

MUNICIPAL BUDGET—*Continued.*

EXPENDITURE.

	Tls.	cts.	Tls.	cts.
<i>Brought forward.....</i>	.....		141,488.50	
<i>Outside Roads.</i>				
Maintenance of	8,400.00			
Trees	300.00			
			8,700.00	
<i>Public Garden.</i>				
Maintenance of ... ..	.....		1,000.00	
CEMETERIES.				
<i>Pay.</i>				
Sextoness for all Cemeteries, and allowance for labour and coolies	240.00			
Gardener for care of all Cemeteries and Cathedral Compound	685.00			
Chinese Government Ground Rent	71.00			
Filling in and turtling, a portion of New Cemetery ...	500.00			
Repairs to buildings and fences	300.00			
			1,746.00	
SECRETARIAT.				
<i>Pay—Foreign.</i>				
Secretary	4,240.00			
Accountant	2,800.00			
Assistants	7,125.00			
<i>Tax Office.</i>			14,165.00	
Collector of Rates	1,800.00			
2 Foreign Collectors of Chinese House Tax ...	1,320.00			
1 " " Sampan and cargo-boat tax	660.00			
			3,780.00	
<i>Native Staff.</i>				
Linguist and Assistant	720.00			
Compradore and Assistants	1,986.00			
2 Chinese tax-writers	800.00			
Sampan man employed in the	96.00			
Godown-man	103.00			
Policeman at Council House	96.00			
<i>Native Servants.</i>				
For Municipal Offices	400.00			
Office-boy for Dues Office at Custom House ...	96.00			
Coolie for numbering Chinese houses	24.00			
			3,820.00	
			21,765.00	
<i>Carried forward.....</i>	.....		169,644.50	

MUNICIPAL BUDGET—*Continued.*

INCOME.

	Tls.	cts.	Tls.	cts.
<i>Brought forward</i>			216,677.00	
PERMIT FEES.				
Fees for permits for connecting with public drains and for erecting sunshades			800.00	
LOCAL POST-OFFICE.				
Subscribers	2,500.00			
Loose Letters, etc.	900.00			
Expresses	850.00			
Stamps	700.00			
			4,450.00	
<i>Carried forward</i>			221,427.00	

MUNICIPAL BUDGET—*Continued.*

INCOME.

	Tls.	cts.	Tls.	cts.
<i>Brought forward</i>.....	.....		221,427.00	
INTEREST.				
On Tls. 15,000 Municipal Debentures forming "Special Deposit"	1,200.00			
" daily balance at Bank	150.00			
			1,350.00	
SINKING FUND.				
Interest on balance	899.00			
Amount to be withdrawn from fund at Bank for payment of portion of 1872 Loan	10,000.00			
			10,899.00	
STOCK AND STORES.				
Sales ... ..	.....			1,500.00
				234,676.00
<i>Surplus, 31st December, 1878</i> ... ..	.....			89.99
				234,715.99
Depreciation on Stock and Stores, to be written off "General Balance" ... ..	.....			10,000.00
				Tls...244,715.99

MUNICIPAL BUDGET—Continued.

EXPENDITURE.

	Tls.	cts.	Tls.	cts.
<i>Brought forward</i>.....	.....		195,529.00	
INTEREST.				
On Debentures—Tls. 106,500 @ 8 per cent.	8,520.00			
" Police Gratuity Fund	850.00			
" " Savings Bank	20.00			
			9,390.00	
SINKING FUND ... ..	.....		3,399.00	
MUNICIPAL STOCK AND STORES.				
Public Works—Purchase of harness, and repairs to rolling stock... ..	1,500.00			
Sanitary Nuisance—do.	2,000.00			
Public Lamps	200.00			
Volunteer Stock—Cartridges	2,000.00			
			5,700.00	
MUNICIPAL LOAN OF 1872.				
For redemption of 200 Debentures ... ..	.....		20,000.00	
SHANGHAI MUSEUM.				
Contribution... ..	.....		250.00	
CONTINGENCIES ... ..	.....		447.99	
			284,715.99	
<i>Municipal Stock and Stores Account.</i>				
Amount to be written off for depreciation ... ..	...	...	10,000.00	
	Tails.....		244,715.99	

SUMMARY OF EXPENDITURE.

	Tls.	cts.	Tls.	cts.
<i>Pay.</i>				
Police	38,680.00			
Sanitary Branch—Nuisance	8,516.00			
Surveyor's Office	7,878.00			
Secretariat	21,765.00			
Legal Adviser	1,500.00			
Auditor	500.00			
Medical	1,800.00			
Local Post Office	3,940.00			
Cemeteries	875.00			
			79,904.00	
<i>Foreign and Native Hospitals</i> .. .. .	....		4,500.00	
<i>Telegraph</i> .. .. .	....		1,700.00	
<i>Rent.</i>				
Police Stations	1,260.00			
Rent for storing road materials	830.00			
			1,590.00	
<i>Insurance.</i>				
Police Stations	314.50			
Municipal Buildings, including Surveyor's Office and Local Post Office	312.50			
			627.00	
<i>Passages.</i>				
For Police Constables .. .. .	....		450.00	
<i>Clothing.</i>				
For Police Force .. .. .	....		3,000.00	
<i>Relief of Poor</i> .. .. .	....		300.00	
<i>Lighting</i> .. .. .	....		15,000.00	
<i>Labour.</i>				
Making and Repairing Roads	7,000.00			
Scavenging and Watering Roads	9,350.00			
Animal Labour	9,222.00			
			25,572.00	
<i>Fuel and Light.</i>				
Police	1,800.00			
Surveyor's Office	75.00			
Secretariat	150.00			
Local Post Office	50.00			
			2,075.00	
<i>Public Works.</i>				
Outside Roads .. .. .	....		42,260.00	
			3,700.00	
<i>Carried forward</i> .....	....		180,678.00	

SUMMARY OF EXPENDITURE.—Continued.

	Tls.	cts.	Tls.	cts.
<i>Brought forward.....</i>	....	.	180,678.00	
<i>Public Garden .. .. .</i>	....		1,000.00	
<i>Stationery, Printing, Advertising and Newspapers.</i>				
Police	100.00			
Surveyor's Office	200.00			
Secretariat	2,000.00			
Local Post Office	190.00			
			2,490.00	
<i>Volunteers .. .. .</i>	....		4,000.00	
<i>Fire Department .. .. .</i>	....		3,000.00	
<i>Interest .. .. .</i>	....		9,390.00	
<i>Sinking Fund .. .. .</i>	....		3,399.00	
<i>Stock and Stores .. .. .</i>	....		5,700.00	
<i>Municipal Loan 1872 .. .. .</i>	....		20,000.00	
<i>Shanghai Museum .. .. .</i>	....		250.00	
<i>Miscellaneous Charges</i>				
Police	2,100.00			
Nuisance Branch	350.00			
Secretariat	500.00			
Local Post Office	540.00			
Cemeteries	871.00			
			4,361.00	
<i>Contingencies .. .. .</i>	....		447.99	
<i>Tls.....</i>	....		234,715.99	

*Comparative Statement, showing the actual EXPENDITURE for 1878,
and proposed DISBURSEMENTS for 1879.*

EXPENDITURE.	1878.		ESTIMATE 1879.	
	Tls. cts.	Tls. cts.	Tls. cts.	Tls. cts.
<i>Police</i>				
Pay	35,423.72		38,000.00	
Medical aid, rent, and incidental charges ..	10,609.96	46,033.68	9,654.50	47,654.50
<i>Relief of Poor</i>		295.45		800.00
<i>Sanitary</i>				
Foreign and Native Hospitals	3,000.00		3,000.00	
Medical	1,250.00		1,300.00	
Nuisance and Market	13,339.78		13,216.00	
Lock Hospital	945.94	18,526.72	1,500.00	19,016.00
<i>Lighting</i>		14,255.51		15,000.00
<i>Surveyor's Office</i>				
Pay	7,469.22		7,878.00	
Rent of ground for storing road materials, etc.	860.00		330.00	
Insurance fuel and light, stationery, etc. ..	426.38		295.00	
		8,255.60		8,503.00
<i>Public Works</i>				
Bridges	3,326.91		1,000.00	
Buildings	877.06		1,000.00	
Bandings	7,696.03		4,500.00	
Latrines	11.14			
Drainage	2,391.82		3,260.00	
Fire-wells			1,500.00	
Landing Stages	4,807.73		9,000.00	
Roads	50,147.36		29,000.00	
		69,258.05		49,260.00
<i>Outside Roads</i>		3,860.62		3,700.00
<i>Cemeteries and Cathedral compound</i>		1,313.09		1,746.00
<i>Public Garden</i>		1,216.34		1,000.00
<i>Telegraph Lines</i>		1,532.90		1,700.00
<i>Secretariat</i>				
Pay, including collection of taxes		21,102.85		21,765.00
<i>General charges</i>				
Legal Expenses	1,493.32		1,500.00	
Audit	500.00		500.00	
Fuel and light	148.75		150.00	
Stationery, printing and advertising	1,863.73		2,000.00	
House and license numbers	400.28		300.00	
Postages	41.33		50.00	
Insurance	112.33		292.50	
Incidental charges	167.61		150.00	
		4,733.40		4,942.50
<i>Stud,—Animal labour, oil for harness, etc.</i> ..	....	8,533.95		9,222.00
<i>Carried Forward....</i>		198,917.54		183,809.00

*Comparative Statement, showing the actual EXPENDITURE for 1878
and proposed DISBURSEMENTS for 1879—Continued.*

EXPENDITURE.	1878.		ESTIMATE 1879.	
	Tls. cts.	Tls. cts.	Tls. cts.	Tls. cts.
<i>Brought forward....</i>		198,917.54		183,809.00
<i>Fire Department</i>	..	2,850.00	..	3,000.00
<i>Volunteers.. .. .</i>	..	2,109.90	..	4,000.00
<i>Local Post Office</i>	..	4,591.01	..	4,720.00
<i>Municipal Stock and Stores.. .. .</i>	..	11,251.94	..	5,700.00
<i>Interest</i>	..	8,378.48	..	9,390.00
<i>Sinking Fund</i>	..	3,628.86	..	3,399.00
<i>Land and Buildings</i>	..	25,885.36	..	
<i>Municipal Loan of 1873.. .. .</i>	..	10,000.00	..	
<i>" " 1872.. .. .</i>	20,000.00
<i>Shanghai Museum</i>	..	250.00	..	250.00
<i>Tax Suspense</i>	..	154.40	..	
<i>Contingencies</i>	..	572.50	..	447.99
		268,589.99		234,715.99
<i>Municipal Stock and Stores Account, depreciation on</i>	..	10,000.00	..	10,000.00
<i>Tls....</i>		278,589.99	..	344,715.99